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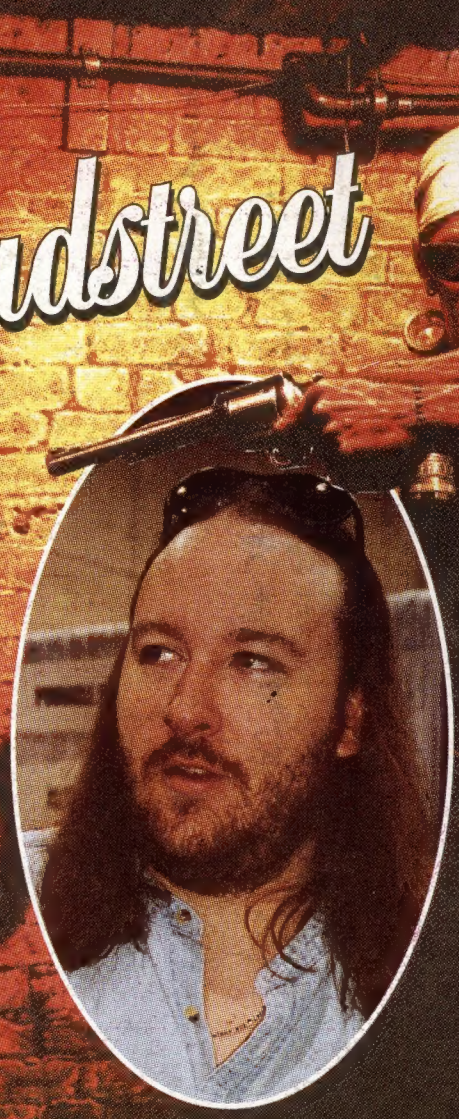

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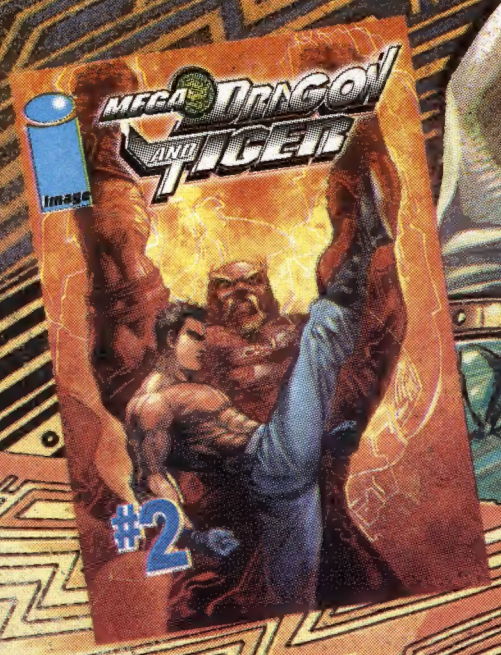

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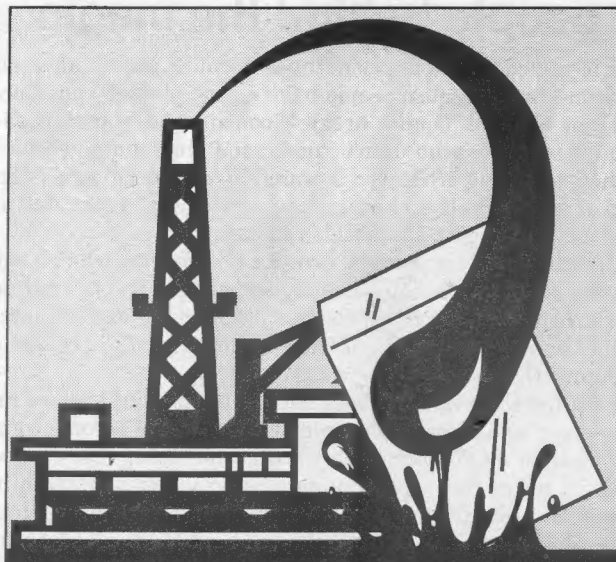

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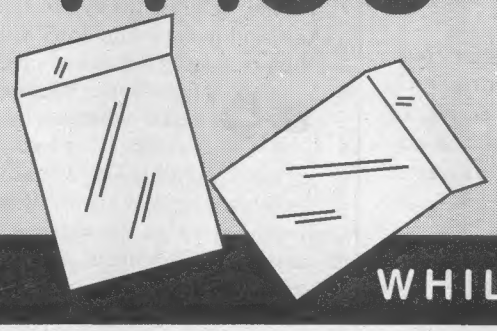

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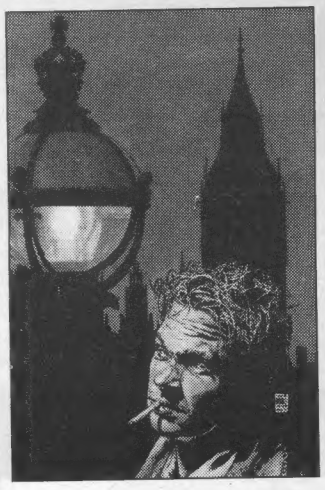

On the cover

You read about him in ***CBG*** #1287 — but what's he been doing *lately*?

And, come to that, is Tim Bradstreet *really* dark and depressed?

He loves comics (as shown by his covers for *Hellblazer* like the one at left and the one on our cover), the lost is found, and here's what he's thinking about these days, including *Maximum Black*, a collection of his work from Alderac Entertainment Group.

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Editors: The people behind the magic

Editors are targets of mixed emotions, sometimes because people have no idea what they do, sometimes because people have a good idea of what they do, and sometimes just because. Giants Archie Goodwin and Marc Gruenwald were also writers — so even people who didn't know what they did as editors felt a connection with who they were and whatever it was they did as editors. Stan Lee plotted and scripted and made himself a character — so readers, again, felt a bond to him as editor and felt they were in on his decision-making.

And some editors work quietly, virtually unknown, except to those with whom they do what they do. Sometimes it's as minor as copy editing; sometimes it's as vital as designing a company's entire direction, right down to what happens to each character. And people who don't know their duties may blame editors for others' instructions they're simply following: changing directions, killing a character, *etc.*

This week, Vincent Sullivan died. He started as a cartoonist but became an editor when he was about the same age people are when they become comics collectors today. He had no guidelines on what a comic book "should" be or what would make a successful series character. Imagine being Vincent Sullivan in 1938. You and Whitney Ellsworth are editing a line of cheap newsprint pamphlets produced by an entrepreneur who wants to pay as little as possible for as much as possible. Every decision you make is a gamble. Pamphlets from other companies have largely consisted of strip reprints and anthology titles. So you look for new eye-catchers for your anthologies. And the decisions you make change the industry — but your part in the process quickly almost vanishes from the collective memory of the field.

A lot of kids dream of writing comics. A lot of kids dream of drawing comics. Who dreams of *editing* comics? Yet editors can set the tone of a line, brainstorm characters, and put together dream teams of creators who make classic stories. But, unlike those dream teams, many have been quickly forgotten. What do you know about Oskar Lebeck? He put together the finest line of funny-animal comics ever produced. Heck, he even got his name put on a lot of comics in copyright statements. But how did he find and keep the geniuses who justified the statement "Dell comics are good comics"?

We're not comic-book editors here at ***Comics Buyer's Guide*** — yet even we have input into the survival of a comics character. And we invited you readers to join us in determining that character's fate. After featuring a story in #1312 on Jason Todd, the Robin who died because of Alexander Graham Bell, we asked our readers to decide what should happen to Cartoon Fred Hembeck. We got a lot of calls, and, after a brief side trip, I'll be able to share the results.

Oh, excuse me for a moment. I think there's someone at my door —

— Maggie Thompson

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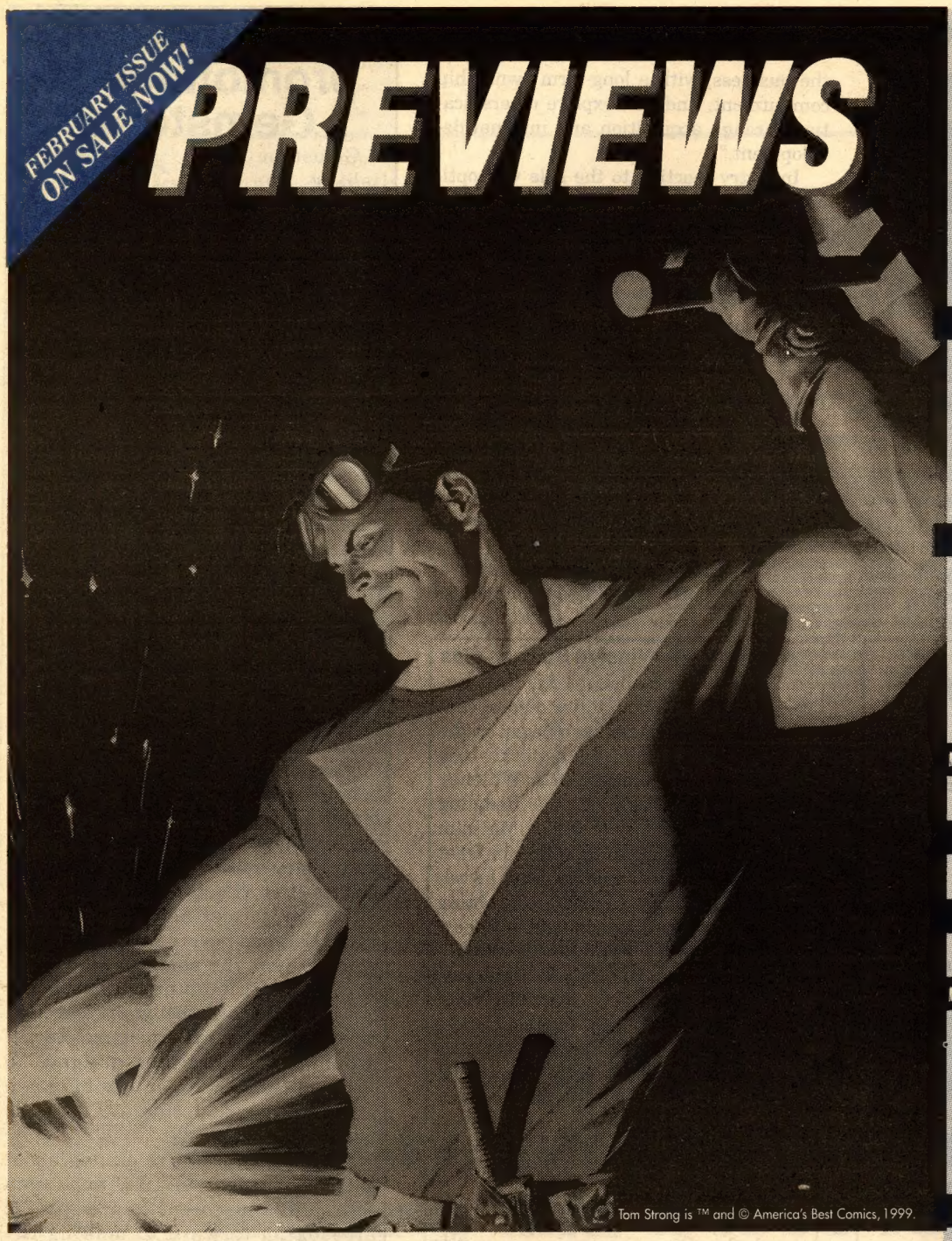

February has arrived—and *Previews* is here to spread the love! On the front cover: Alan Moore reinvents comic books (again!) with America's Best Comics and **Tom Strong**! Around back: **Top Cow and DC** collide in **Darkness/Batman**!

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Filling the prescription: Fleer/SkyBox sold to Rite Aid

As speculated months ago, on Feb. 2, Marvel Enterprises Inc. announced that it had reached an agreement with a privately held corporation headed by the founder of the Rite Aid drugstore chain and his son to divest itself of Fleer/SkyBox International for $26 million, pending approval of licensors and Marvel lenders. The approvals are expected shortly, and the closing of the deal is scheduled for February 12.

Marvel purchased Fleer Corporation in 1992 and SkyBox International in 1995, merging the two card manufacturers into Fleer/SkyBox International. The combined purchase price of the two companies was more than $400 million, and the company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Marvel Enterprises Oct. 1, 1998, as part of Toy Biz' court-approved plan of bankruptcy reorganization for Marvel Entertainment Group.

Alex Grass founded the Rite Aid Stores in 1962 and serves as chairman of the executive committee of Rite Aid Corporation, while his son, Roger, has held various executive positions at Rite Aid and now manages the family's diversified portfolio of private investments. "We purchased Fleer/SkyBox because it fits into our investment strategy," Roger Grass said. "We also believe that the category is beginning a growth period and are very impressed with the success that Fleer/SkyBox has achieved over the last 18 months. We made a significant equity investment in the business, with a long-term ownership commitment, and will explore diversification through acquisition and internal development."

Industry reaction to the sale was optimistic, as reflected by Topps CEO Arthur T. Shorin, who said, "I don't know very much about the Grass family, but they sure have a good sense of timing, as the industry trends north."

The purchase agreement also keeps Fleer/SkyBox's management team in place for several years, with the additional expectation that the firm's 65-person staff will also remain intact. The company is expected to operate as it has for the past 18 months. Marketing and Sales Manager Bill Bordegon said, "This is great news for Fleer/SkyBox and great for the industry, as well."

— CBG's sister publication ***Sports Collectors Digest*** *contributed to this report.*

LuluCon hits L.A. in May

Friends of Lulu's third annual LuluCon is scheduled for May 1 and 2 in Los Angeles at the Miyako Inn and Spa, 328 E. First St.

The show coincides with Book Expo America at the L.A. Convention Center, and organizers said they expect hundreds of publishers and thousands of booksellers to attend the latter event.

"Comics Are Books, Too!" is the theme of this year's Lulu show, which will begin with a cocktail party and reception Saturday night.

A series of panels on creating, promoting, and selling graphic novels are scheduled for Sunday with focuses on: placing graphic novels and comics in bookstores and libraries, comics and Hollywood, and women doing graphic literature.

Networking opportunities and a luncheon with a celebrity speaker are also planned.

Friends of Lulu, a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting female participation in the comics industry, will also distribute literature at the Book Expo encouraging attendees of that trade show to attend LuluCon.

Admission to LuluCon is $15 at the door, with advance registration available for Friends of Lulu members for $5. The luncheon costs an additional $20 per person, and reservations for that must be made in advance.

More information is available from Jackie Estrada at (619) 286-1591 or Friends of Lulu, 4657 Cajon Way, San Diego, CA 92115.

Comics pioneer Vincent Sullivan dies

The editor who bought the first Superman and Batman stories died of cancer Feb. 3. Vincent Sullivan began in the business as a cartoonist and quickly took on the job of co-editing with Whitney Ellsworth comic books for the fledgling comic-book company of Major Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson. As an editor for what became today's DC Comics line, he supervised *Action* #1 (Jun 38, containing Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster's Superman) and *Detective* #27 (May 39, containing Bob Kane and Bill Finger's Batman).

Sullivan left DC to start *Big Shot Comics* (May 1940) for Columbia Comics Group, hiring writer Gardner Fox (1911-1986) to provide most of the features for the title. After Columbia, Sullivan started his own company, Magazine Enterprises, in 1943, and published such titles as *Ghost Rider*, *Tim Holt*, and *Thun'da*.

Sullivan left comics in 1958 but appeared at the 1998 Comic-Con International: San Diego, appearing on panels and honored by long-time comics buffs. A feature on Sullivan will appear in ***Comics Buyer's Guide*** #1320.

A plethora of promotions at Gemstone

Gemstone Publishing has announced several promotions among its staff members.

Former Marketing Coordinator J.C. Vaughn has been promoted to executive editor; he will continue coordinating projects with Gemstone's three regional offices and take on the added responsibility of new product development.

In addition to working with Gemstone's various editors, Vaughn will also write for several of the company's publications and will oversee the relaunch of the firm's website.

Former Managing Editor Arnold T. Blumberg, who left the company for a time to continue his education, has returned to the company as editor. Working with Vaughn, Blumberg will guide further development of Gemstone's books and periodicals and assist in the website relaunch.

Former Gemstone Editor Benn Ray is now Web editor for Diamond Digital Media LLC, a Gemstone sister company. In the new position, Ray will work with Diamond Comic Distributors Inc. and its other clients.

Finally, former Art Director Brenda Busick has been promoted to creative director; she adds product development and conceptualization to her former duties overseeing art direction for all Gemstone publications. In addition, Busick has been assigned to "expand Gemstone's ability to create merchandise that ties into its core business."

Vaughn said, "We're excited about the marketplace in 1999 and, even though #29 just went to press, we're all looking forward to making the 30th edition of *The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide*, due in April 2000, a significant milestone in comics history."

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A big batch of comics from the big city

By Brent Frankenhoff

Easthampton, Mass., comics dealer Gary Dolgoff announced Feb. 3 that he recently acquired in the New York City area more than 600 boxes of comics from the 1960s and 1970s. More than 80,000 comics were included in the lot, which Dolgoff said he first learned about more than seven years ago.

"The comics were pretty much out of order," Dolgoff said. "A *Justice League of America* #8 from the early '60s could be in the same box as some random '70s and '80s DCs."

Dolgoff added that the comics included multiple copies of various 52-page, 68-page, 80-page, and 100-page DCs "in all kinds of grades," which he described as ranging from "Fair to Very Fine for the 1960s and earlier items, with the majority in the Good to Very Good range. The 1970s comics were in the Very Good to Very Fine Minus range, strictly graded." He also bought long boxes full of *Tales to Astonish, Daredevil, Challengers of the Unknown, Thor, Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen, Superboy, Batman, Detective Comics*, and *Superman*, along with several boxes of horror titles, comics magazines, fanzines, comics from the 1980s and 1990s, and miscellaneous DC titles from the 1970s.

"There were *many* more 1960s DCs than 1960s Marvels in this batch," Dolgoff said, "which, though unusual, would complement my present stock of more than 20,000 warehoused '60s Marvels nicely. Plus there were batches of 1950s and 1960s Dells, as well as small publishers' comics like ACG and Charlton. For my regular Archie warehouse-visiting customers, there were boxes of 1950s and 1960s issues.

Among the thousands of comics were several copies of Marvel Treasury Edition #1.

"I was happy to view all these potential 'warehouse goodies': The demand for 1960s and 1970s DCs seems to be growing in many places, while the same-era Marvels seem to be steady, if not sizzling, sellers."

Among the stand-out items found in the lot were *Forbidden Love* #1-4, early 1960s issues of *Superman* and *World's Finest*, multiples of the 1963 *Flash Annual*, *All-Star Western* #10 and #11, *Weird War Tales* #1 and #2, *Ghosts* #1-5 with some multiples, and *Young Romance* #199. Dolgoff added that, while there weren't many Treasury-size comics, the lot did include "between five and 10 copies of *Marvel Treasury Edition* #1, featuring Spider-Man, in just beautiful shape."

Getting the comics home. Dolgoff and six assistants moved the more than 600 boxes in two 24-foot Ryder trucks from New York City to Dolgoff's warehouse, where the lot was broken down, sorted, and graded over the course of two weeks.

"We divided the comics into six categories," Dolgoff said.

These were:

- 10¢, 12¢, 15¢ cover price issues from the '60s and earlier, including 25¢ annuals
- '70s DCs
- '70s Marvels
- magazines
- '80s and '90s material
- Archies

"All the comics fit nicely into the 20 new shelving units I had installed for this purpose. Each is 10 feet high and three feet deep, making a huge spacious rectangle where my customers and I can easily view the new goodies, with plenty of space for processing.

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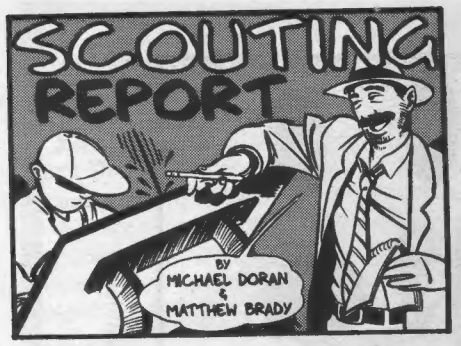

Whither the Western? Don't tell **Jeff Mariotte** Westerns don't sell. Following the success of his supernatural Western mini-series *Desperadoes*, Mariotte recently confirmed that **John Lucas** has been selected as the artist for *Desperadoes: Epidemic!*, a 48-page prestige-format sequel to the original mini-series.

"We knew that original artist **John Cassaday** couldn't do the whole thing himself and still maintain his regular schedule on the upcoming *Planetary* series," Mariotte said. "So we launched a worldwide artist search with two main criteria: The artist had to be from Texas and he had to be named John. We came up with John Lucas.

"John's done work in *Starman, The Spirit, Wild West Show*, and other really cool comics, he's definitely from Texas, and he's good. So the way it'll work is John Cassaday will do layouts, and John Lucas will do finishes. It'll look cool."

According to Mariotte, "Epidemic!" is an apt name for the project, as the four main characters from the original mini find themselves unable to leave an influenza-ravaged town during a blizzard. And that's not the worst of it. "Our guys came in but now they can't leave," Mariotte said. "Once there, they find that forces are at work in this town that are far more powerful than even the worst human virus."

The series will be scheduled "whenever it's done," Mariotte said.

Arranging artists. Newcomer **Matthew Clark** has been named as the new penciller of DC's *Wonder Woman*, beginning with #150. Clark's first Wonder Woman work can be seen in the upcoming *Wonder Woman Secret Files* retelling of Princess Diana's origin.

And artist **Mike Manley** joining the *Black Panther* creative team with #9 in May for a four-issue story arc serving as a "Marvel Knights" tribute to **Jack Kirby**. "It involves Captain America and some stuff that hearkens back to the Stan and Jack days," explained **Joe Quesada**. "Mike will be doing pen and ink and probably color guides." *Black Panther*'s regular artist **Mark Texeira** recently announced he is moving on to pursue other projects.

Waid wraps up 'Cap: Sentinel of Liberty.' **Mark Waid** recently confirmed that he would leave *Captain America: Sentinel of Liberty* with June's double-sized #12. "I'd like to spend more time and effort focusing on the main series," Waid said. "My thanks to the readers who have supported the title. Despite those naysayers who've tried to put forth 'as fact' the series' cancellation at various stages, it always sold quite well, thanks to fan support."

Waid will skip #10 and finish his run with #11 (a humorous retelling of Johnny Storm's encounter with the fake Captain America known as The Acrobat from *Strange Tales* #114) and #12 (which will be his chance to put his spin on Cap's legendary sidekick). "It's my definitive Bucky story," said Waid, "an attempt to make him more than just a costume and a gravestone."

There has been no official announcement from Marvel regarding the future of the series.

Ellis examines real-life horror. New *Hellblazer* (and *Planetary* and *Authority* and ...) writer **Warren Ellis** recently discussed his plans for the veteran Vertigo series, plans which include a series of stories designed to be extremely accessible to new readers.

Ellis reported that he'll follow the current „Haunted" storyline, which began in #134, with six self-contained, single-issue stories, each illustrated by a different artist. According to the writer, the six stories will stress the horrific aspects of the modern world, experienced through the eyes of John Constantine. "I can tell you one of the stories, entitled 'Shoot' and pencilled by **Phil Jimenez**, is based on the disturbing trend of American schoolchildren shooting each other dead in playgrounds, which is a story that even I find unsettling," Ellis said.

Current *Hellblazer* cover artist **Tim Bradstreet** is also slated to illustrate an issue of the run of self-contained stories. Both Bradstreet and Jiminez' issues will appear near the middle of the run.

Marvel goes to war. In response to the resurgence of interest in war stories reflected by the critical and box-office success of *Saving Private Ryan* and *The Thin Red Line*, this May Marvel will reissue a trade-paperback collection of the first four issues of *The 'Nam*, its Vietnam War ongoing series from the 1980s.

The issues collected were written by **Doug Murray** and pencilled by **Michael Golden**. According to Marvel Reprint Editor **Polly Watson**, the trade paperback is also being released in an effort to begin exposing new fans to some of the publisher's more acclaimed and diverse material from over the years.

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'Blade 2' shaves closer to big screen

'Blade 2' shaves closer to big screen. In *The Hollywood Reporter*, New Line Cinema's **Lynn Harris** was quoted as saying, "*Blade* will be back and better than ever." That fueled the fire that a sequel to last summer's *Blade* is fast becoming a reality. The report confirms previous sources who said that both screenwriter **David Goyer** and **Wesley Snipes** have expressed strong interest in a *Blade* sequel.

Goyer later confirmed the earlier report when he said, "Looks like I'll be writing it. I'm working on the treatment right now, and Wesley has already approved the story. Could be pretty wild."

Blade was Snipes' biggest hit since 1992's *White Men Can't Jump*. Released last August, the fiml earned $70 million domestically at the box office and $53.2 million overseas. It has also been in the top five of the charts since its home-video release.

Stephen Norrington, who directed *Blade*, might not be back for the sequel. He has been linked as a candidate to replace **Tim Burton** as director of the new Superman movie from Warner Bros. Other candidates, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*, are *Elizabeth*'s **Shekhar Kapur** and *Con Air*'s **Simon West**. **Nicholas Cage** is still connected to star.

— ***Rob Allstetter***
contributed to this report.

Webs not so tangled? *Variety*'s **Michael Fleming** recently reported that a summary judgment was issued Feb. 3 which dismissed MGM's claim that the studio had proprietary rights to produce a live-action Spider-Man film. As expected, MGM said it would appeal the ruling, saying that it still has many claims of ownership to the Spider-Man film franchise.

Waiting in the wings of the whole mess is Sony (still locked in a court battle with MGM, claiming it owns the James Bond franchise), which also claims it has ownership rights to the Spider-Man film franchise.

'Crusade' not a go-go? With a debut date vaguely on the horizon, and no show yet to speak of, *Babylon 5* fans have been wondering where the *B5* sequel-prequel *Crusade* is, leading to thousands of rumors on virtually every Internet *B5* board. Fevered rumors, which pointed fingers at *B5*'s previous cable home, TNT, claiming that TNT no longer supported the series, led series creator **J. Michael Straczynski** to post in an AOL forum: "The plug has not been pulled by TNT, which cannot pull the plug because we don't work for TNT, we work for WB. TNT is a distributor. All I can say for now is that, like Oliver Stone's project for TNT, *Witchblade*, we have found that TNT (known primarily for Westerns, historical dramas, and wrestling) is not SF-friendly in terms of really getting what SF is about, and it may not entirely reconcile with what their core audience expects from them — and that a new, more SF-friendly venue is being explored. So if folks wanted to drop an encouraging note to, let's say, The Sci-Fi Channel, for instance, that would certainly be OK by me. But in the interim — no, we're not canceled. We're taking off next week to allow WB to work its magic, but that's about it."

However, when TNT was contacted, the network reported that it had no comment regarding the Internet rumors or Straczynski's statement on AOL. Reportedly, the network is still committed to the series which is still slated for a June debut.

Witchblade — delays, delays, delays. As noted in Straczynski's posting, Top Cow's *Witchblade* series is still having trouble getting off the ground. Illusion Entertainment's **Alan Shue**, the production manager for *Witchblade*, said that the most recent writer didn't work out, and the show is seeking a new writer to develop a script. Once the writer is found, production will commence, Shue said.

Undertaker TV. While his comic book hits stands in March, The Undertaker will appear on The Sci-Fi Channel, when the wrestler appears there to promote *Poltergeist: The Legacy, Farscape,* and *First Wave*. The three series will compose The Sci-Fi Channel's new Friday night lineup, beginning March 19. In addition to the promotional work, The Undertaker will serve as host for five nights of movies March 15-19.

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Re: the request for information concerning E. Gerber's *The Photo-Journal Guide to DC Comic Books* (***CBG*** #1316). It has not come out and, according to the excellent *Comic Book Marketplace* (#61, I believe), it's been canceled, even though most of the covers have been photographed.

I immediately wrote to *CBM* to convey my "condolences," but mine was the only letter — which is strange, since Gerber's other books are almost universally praised, and I know many people who consider the series to be one of the best about comics ever published. On the other hand, I realize the audience for the book is small and understand that Gerber lost money on the first four volumes. Still, wouldn't it be nice, if somebody out there could publish it?

[Yes — and I hope people who are intrigued by all this discussion order copies of what has been released already; shop owners can get the existing volumes from Diamond.]

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In ***CBG*** #1314, Peter David presents a much-deserved "Most Supremely Cool Batman Story" award to the recent *Batman Animated* episode ("Legends of the Dark Knight") in which a bunch of kids describe what they think the Batman is really like. In fact, this animated story owes its concept and structure to a comic-book story, "The Batman Nobody Knows," first printed in *Batman* #250 (1973) and written by Frank Robbins (I think; don't have it handy) and drawn by Dick Giordano. I believe that this same story was later reprinted *in DC Limited Collectors Edition* C59 ("The Batman's Strangest Cases") in the late '70s. Both are great Batman comics, and well worth seeking out in the Silver-Bronze Age bins at a local convention or comics shop.

*[Only one of the many terrific aspects of the **Animated** DC series is the care taken to refer to and actually adapt outstanding stories written for the comic-book format years before. This comes in part from having those responsible for the series be dedicated fans who know and love that source material.]*

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I must admit that I haven't been paying much attention to Marvel's recent corporate woes. Any Internet or print coverage of the problem is just another excuse to click away or turn the page, frankly. Bankruptcy, mergers, new corporate honchos, debt burdens: All this stuff means very little to me, and understanding it doesn't help me with my own problem, which is most of its comics really no longer resonate with me.

Being a longtime reader, I'm well aware that Marvel is no longer writing comics to drag me into its net of readers and only recently, when I had occasion to read some of the issues dated for the remaining months of 1998, did I realize that trying to follow the current incarnations of the characters is like being in The Twilight Zone.

Spider-Man's various permutations have received wide fan-press coverage; the entire clone saga actually seemed like a dynamic step that quickly mired itself in a morass of confusion. Most of the other Marvel characters disappeared into the little Franklin Richards pocket universe (whatever) during that "Onslaught" debacle, had a year run as reworked heroes, and then all returned again as — whatever they are.

Sigh. So what *are* they? I have to admit that they are serviceable as characters. The new run of the titles (volume 3?) with *Iron Man, Captain America, Avengers, Fantastic Four,* and *Thor* certainly are attempting to embody *some* of the '60s magic they once had. They seem fresh and funny, melodramatic, and fairly well laid out, and the drawings as a general rule are capable of good storytelling and style. I actually enjoyed *Thor* #6 to some extent, as well as the *Captain America* stories with the Skrull impersonator, but —

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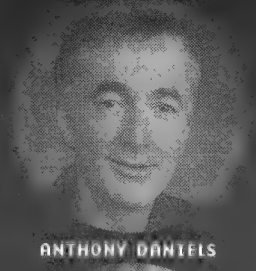
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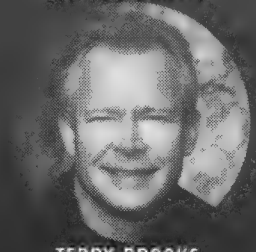
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They're not what I grew up with. I admit to being so disenfranchised from Marvel, due to the lengthy litany of poor quality, confusing continuity, and marketing mayhem that, as good as they might actually be —

I just don't care.

You might wonder if I'm living a retro life that believes comics ended their quality in 1972 or somesuch, but that isn't the case. DC heroes, despite changes and continuity gaffes and crises, are still eminently recognizable to me. Moreover, I read a lot of comics each month, including small press, DC, alternatives, and so forth. Yet Marvel — sigh again. I wish I cared so that I could be angry about it — better to feel something than nothing at all — but I can't even manage that.

I read the comic books and they briefly transport me into their world, but not enough to be truly interested or to buy the comic books each month, and it's a damn shame. No, I take it back. I *do* feel something: sadness, that such a great cast of characters could have been so cavalierly treated and poorly handled. It's gotten to the point that, when rifling through the bargain bins, other than old Byrne, Simonson, or Ryan-illoed *Fantastic Four* issues, I can muster no enthusiasm for all the long-unread (if ever) *Spider-Man* or other titles, partly because there's no sense of reality to the characters. They've been manipulated so long, their histories so twisted by reader outrage and backtracking marketers, that these are comics I simply can't trust. The feeling is not unlike knowing that the Weisinger years or the Schwartz years on various DC characters before *Crisis* didn't "exist" any longer. So, sure, if I find these characters in the bargain bins, I'll pick 'em up for old times' sake, but I won't be buying them off the stands.

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[If I were a Marvel editor, I'd be scratching my head, not quite gathering from what you say what approach you'd want me to take. Despite the things you say turn you off, you're doing fine with DC heroes. When Marvel does many of the same things, it produces comics you "can't trust," partly because there's no sense of reality.

Could it be a problem with alternate universes? Changing timelines? Complex worlds?

Or not following the stories for a while and not being able to get back in easily?]

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I would like to comment on Marvel's ending of the *Hulk* series and its impending relaunch. I just read the last issue and, judging by its content, it is a good thing they are ending it. It was such a poor story, and the characterization in it was truly terrible. ***[Spoiler Warning:** This paragraph discusses story events.]* For example, The Hulk just found out The Abomination had killed his wife Betty, and guess what he did: He refused to fight him, while General Ross just finding out the same thing decided to let him get away. Are you kidding me? The supposedly silent, uninterfering Watcher once again became vocal and interfered.

This is the type of comic book that is destroying the industry. I bought it because I collect The Hulk and it's on my pull list. Had I had a chance to look through it, I would not have bought it. On top of all of this they had the nerve to charge $2.99 for this comic book. I am truly sorry to have supported this title after Peter David's departure. I will not do it any longer.

One other thing that really bothered me was on the first page, in a conversation between Matt Idelson, the editor, and Joe Casey, the writer, Casey says something to the effect that the fans have not been crazy about his run on the comic book. Whereupon Idelson replies, "The fans? Oh, don't worry about them." I think this exchange pretty much sums up the reason why Marvel is in the shape it's in.

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I was saddened to hear that Andre LeBlanc had passed away in December 1998. You almost don't want to open an issue of ***CBG*** for fear that another comics great has gone. Unfortunately, we're all destined for that road. Andre, along with Will Eisner, were my teachers at SVA during my time there. Andre was a great teacher and a great guy: very patient and willing to spend the extra time needed to show a student a specific technique. He would even stay after the class ended, if need be — just take it into the nearby workshop.

He told us of his work ghosting *The Phantom* and working on *Superfriends* for Hanna-Barbera (of which he had plenty of model sheets to show and share with us). I remember his displeasure at DC when it did *The Phantom*, because he felt that the artist employed wasn't drawing the cowl correctly. He should know.

He showed me many tricks of the trade that helped improve my work. With the exception of my year at Personality Comics and a cover for *Femforce*, I haven't had the opportunity to show off what I learned from a master.

When I was a senior, and editor and cover artist on *Will Eisner's Gallery* (a magazine SVA put out once a year to showcase the work of the students in the cartooning class), I had enough of a clue to ask Andre to contribute a character for the jam cover. (Most covers to *Gallery* featured The Spirit, drawn by Will, and characters by the students whose work appeared inside.) He was quite pleased.

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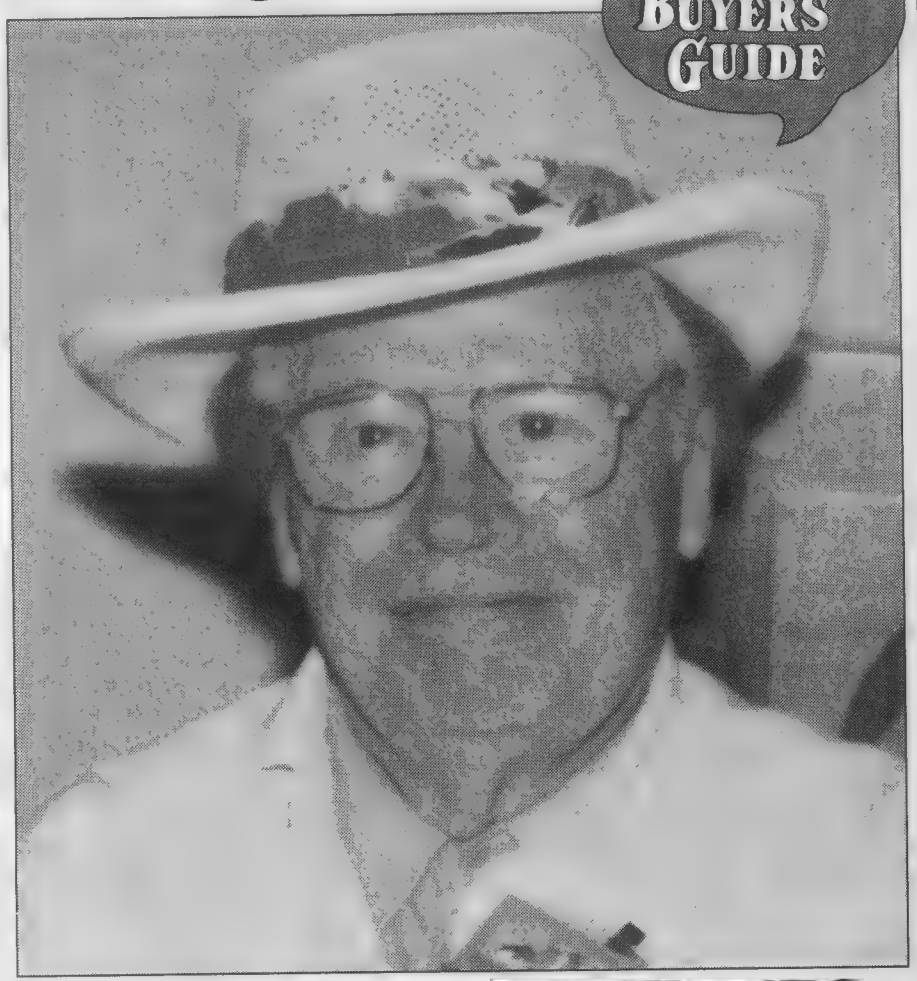

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sending to the comics companies for critique. He offered suggestions and other avenues of work in case none of the companies were biting.

I regret not staying in better contact with him but I didn't want to be a bother. He probably wouldn't have thought so. I'm including a photo I took of him at SVA.

They're probably praising him on how good a job he did illustrating the *Bible*.

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Although I greatly enjoyed the Jack Kirby features in issue #1316, I can't help but think that "remembering" Kirby is a lot like "remembering" John Lennon — redundant. The fact is, Kirby remains a truly vital force in the industry today, five years since his passing (and, really, 20 years after his last full-time work in comics). How many creators can honestly say that they are not influenced by Jack in some way? How many fans don't enjoy at least one of his many creations? As for me, I find myself viewing almost every comic book I read through the "Kirby prism," picking out the Kirbyish touches and, at times, wondering how Jack himself might have handled that particular story.

Therefore, since Kirby has never really gone away, I think that it's proper to call this issue "Pausing for Jack Kirby." And I for one would like to see more such pauses to reflect on his work in the future.

[In fact, the matter you raise is a topic for debate each time someone who has been vital in our industry dies — and there have, of course, been too doggoned many of such instances in the past few years. I look for new verbs, and "memorializes" or "shares memories" may, for example, be appropriate terms. I wouldn't use the word "pausing," however — because that's the last thing most people do who are remembering him. Memories of his activities tend to activate others.

But creators can be influenced without always keeping in mind who it is who has influenced them. And those who buy Kirby-influenced material may (yep, especially if we ever succeed in getting a large number of young readers back into shops) not even know the man's name. So, as I said in the editorial that issue, it's appropriate that, as a field, we remember — because in so many other fields, people don't.]

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After reading your Jack Kirby tribute issue (#1316), I felt I had to write and contribute some thoughts about "The King."

First, thank you for an excellent retrospective on Jack and his career. Certainly, the volume of his work makes it almost impossible to touch on all the varying aspects of it in one issue, but you did a fine job of focusing on the human side of Jack — an area that is easily overlooked when you consider the brilliance of his creative output.

Furthermore, I was impressed by the sincerity and genuine admiration that even the most respected comics professionals have concerning Jack, an almost unbelievable feat considering the depth of the talent assembled at *CBG*.

But the main thing I wish to convey with this letter is how totally true you were in stating that Jack's art transcended comics. Jack Kirby is the first artist I can ever remember who *compelled* me to pick up a pencil and draw. His work is inspiring, incredible, and irresistible. His *Fantastic Four* work in particular is so intense, so mesmerizing, so damn alive that it practically jumps off the page. No wonder the comics that Jack created are so popular; he made the characters (and even the monsters and machines) breathe life.

I don't miss Jack Kirby, because he is still alive in those fabulous pages. That, I believe, is the true goal of an artist: to transcend even death by creating work that lives on.

Long live the King!

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I am writing today of the passing of another comics-industry great. Fortunately ,it is not a death, nor a retirement, nor even a store closing (though it looks like that on the surface). Tacoma, Wash., has lost the only full-service comics shop and science-fiction bookstore within the city limits, as Jane and Conrad Larsen close their store, Lady Jayne's Comics and Books. They will still sell comics, magazines, science-fiction and fantasy novels, and other related ephemera at cons and over the Internet, but their destination shop, which has served the Tacoma area so well for so long, is gone.

Jane opened her first store in Tualatin, Ore., years ago to help support her science-fiction habit. After a few years in different locations around the greater Portland area, they decided to move back to Conrad's old stomping grounds in the Puget Sound region. By this time, they had discovered the benefits of selling comics along with the science-fiction stuff.

Those were some heady times in the comics business. Jim Shooter was starting a new company every time he turned around, Marvel artists were jumping ship to start their own company, Jeff Smith was personally asking each and every shop in the country to please look at his cartoony book that wasn't really cartoony at all. Multiple distributors competed to give the best service possible, and comics shops were popping up on every street corner.

Lady Jayne's prospered through these years by giving quality service and fair prices on "hot" collectibles (they never charged more than $15 on *Superman* #75 — and then only after two months selling at cover price). When the bust came, people remembered and continued to support Lady Jayne's, while less-reputable retailers faded away.

On the science-fiction side of the business, Jane and Conrad have served as dealers' room coordinators for Norwescon for several years. They are the dealers of choice for such visiting luminaries as William Forstchen and Marion Zimmer Bradley, always having a good stock of their books available.

I hasten to point out that, while the store is closing, Lady Jayne's is not! By closing the store in Tacoma, they are going to be able to attend

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more SF and comics shows around the country and they are planning to make a big splash in the world of electronic commerce.

Even so, the closing of the Tacoma store leaves a big hole in the comics-retail scene, and Jane and Conrad Larsen will be missed.

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In response to Matt Levin's letter in ***CBG*** #1316 regarding his own awards ballot — thank you.

Thanks for reminding folks that there are several wonderful comics being published today. Thanks for championing several of the quality independent and small-press comic books that rarely get much promotion. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to add my voice to Matt's, praising such books as *Cerebus, Bone, Castle Waiting, The Wretch, Cavewoman, Clan Apis, Colonia, Leave It to Chance, Gotham Adventures, Kurt Busiek's Astro City, 300, Holey Crullers,* and *Tyrant.* I would also like to add a few of my favorites to this list that I think deserve some mention:

Favorite Humor: *Innocent Bystander, Mad Raccoons, Patty Cake, Tales from the Bog*

Favorite Drama: *Berlin, Concrete*

Favorite Super-Hero: *Flaming Carrot, Madman*

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Favorites We Haven't Seen in a While: *Xenozoic Tales, Tales of the Beanworld, Hilly Rose, The Question, Starchild*

Most Anticipated: *The S.H.O.P., Xeno's Arrow, The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, World Below*

Favorite All-Ages: *Akiko, Pakkins' Land*

That should add to the feast that is comics enjoyment. I look forward to seeing others' suggestions.

[I reiterate: If you like detective comics, try Oni's ***Whiteout****.]*

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In answer to Jim Summer's query about the *DC Photo Journals* by Gerber, I read somewhere that they are not going to be published. Not sure, but I think I read it in one of their flyers. If I'm wrong, somebody please correct me! I have been waiting for that to come out ever since it was first announced.

There have been discussions about streamlining Batman. Not wanting to step on toes, but I have to say that I agree that we don't need *Azrael* or *Shadow of the Bat.* I do, however, like Oracle and the *Birds of Prey* series. It gives readers a glimpse into what it means to be handicapped. We may not be physically up to par but we can still use our minds in a constructive fashion. Besides, it is a damn good comic book.

Have you ever stopped to think how many stupid villains there have been? This is a fun game, because it will make you dig through your old comics and find quite a few that I couldn't list.

Here are some: **Green Lantern vs. the Tattooed Man.** Here is a guy who can have everything he ever wanted just by drawing it with his magic ink. He could have houses, cars, jewels, women(?). Nahh — he draws flying hoops of fire and gets beat up by GL. First appearance: *GL* #23.

Batman vs. The Eraser. Here is a guy who dresses up like a pencil. How did Batman and Robin ever manage to beat him and not laugh themselves sick? Ohh, for a giant pencil sharpener. Only appearance: *Batman* #188.

Spider-Man vs. The Kangaroo (hop along) and (from the disco days) **The Hypno Hustler.** You can look those two up; I think I'm going to be ill.

Daredevil vs. The Leap Frog (*DD* #25). Anyone for frogs' legs?

Superman vs. The Prankster (new and old versions). A cream pie in Supes' face isn't going to do much damage.

The JLA vs. The Mind Grabber Kid (*JLA* #70), who was 12-year-old Demmy Gog (read that one fast — *JLA* #66).

One of my favorite series of all time, *Blackhawk,* had some of the lamest villains ever. Thankfully, most of them were around only once. The stellar lineup included Hoopster and his hula hoops, The Fantastic Fireworks Master, The Net, The Buzzard, The Owl, The Sniper, The Split Man, The Human Starfish, *etc.* The Blackhawks also had forerunners of a lot of Marvel's villains' names: The Eel, The Scorpion, The Chameleon, King Condor (The Vulture, maybe), to name a few. Maybe they were too embarrassed to copyright the names?

Let me know the many that were missed.

[No such list could begin to be exhaustive — nor should you leave out the lame ***heroes****. Rackman springs to mind (a small person who built giant expanding stilts to run around on).*

I think you'd enjoy the Ron Goulart chapters on second bananas in ***All in Color for a Dime*** *and* ***The Comic-Book Book****, thinking along these lines. Sample:*

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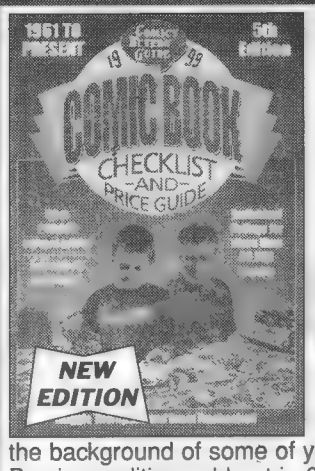

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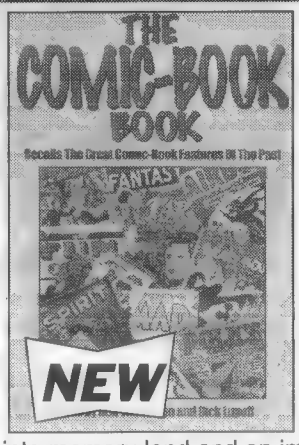

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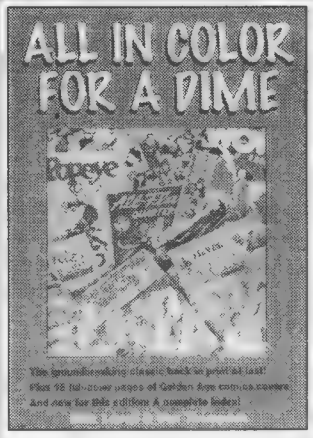

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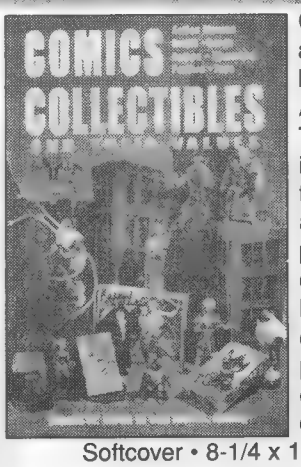

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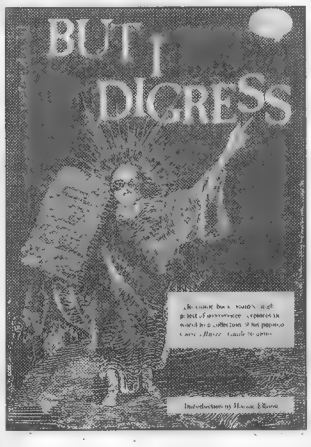

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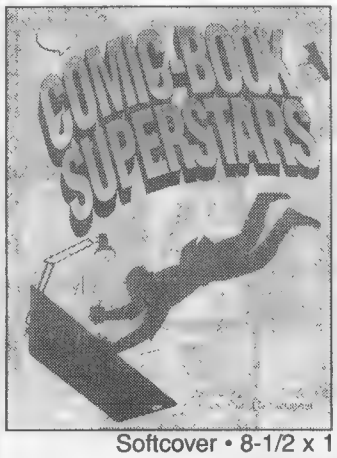

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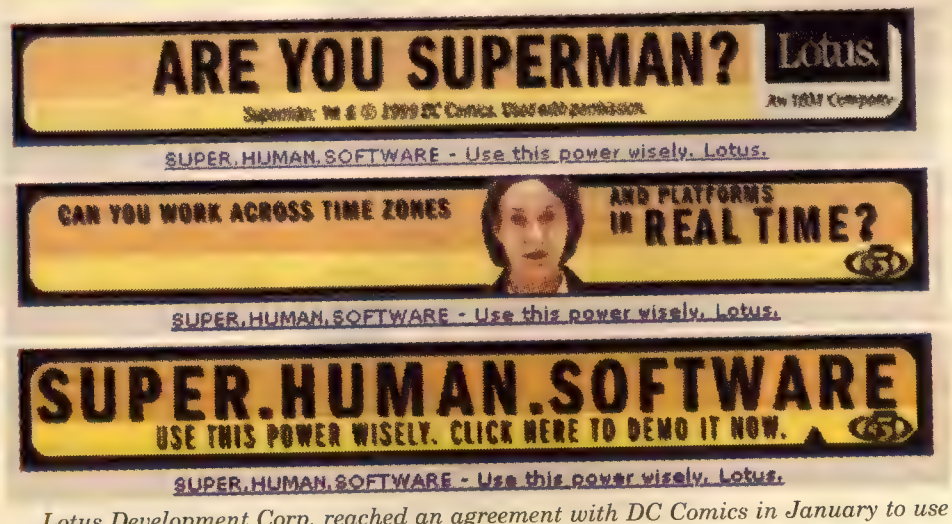
A previously unpublished Avenger piece by Dick Ayers becomes the cover for AC's ***Golden-Age Men of Mystery*** *#13, scheduled to ship in March. The 52-page black-and-white comic book retails for $6.95.*

Celebrate Secretaries Week with Mavis

Wolff and Byrd's secretary celebrates National Secretaries Week in April with her second special from Exhibit A Press. A spin-off from Batton Lash's *Wolff & Byrd, Counselors of the Macabre* comic strip (appearing in ***CBG***) and comic book, *Mavis* #2 answers fan requests for another special featuring the character Lash described as "the human resource for a law firm with inhuman clients. People recognize that she's just a working girl from Astoria, Queens, with her own scary problems, and can relate.

"This issue will consist of three short stories, rather than one long story, as in the first one. The thread tying the issue together is Mavis working the graveyard shift — literally." The 32-page black-and-white issue is scheduled to ship in mid-April and retails for $2.95.



Lotus Development Corp. reached an agreement with DC Comics in January to use the Superman name in its advertising campaign for its R5 series of products: Lotus Notes R5, Domino R5, and Domino Designer R5. The campaign includes the changing images of the Internet banner ad pictured above, as well as print and television spots. "We believe the characteristics of Superman represent the perfect embodiment of what the R5 products will allow our customers to do. By enabling each individual to do the best job possible — giving them the tools to be 'super-human' — we can work together to solve any problem," said Lotus Senior Vice President of Worldwide Corporate Marketing Steve Sayre.

'Awakening Comics 1999' puts anthology format to sleep

Steve Peters takes one last look at the anthology format that got him started in *Awakening Comics 1999*, scheduled to ship in May from Awakening Comics.

Peters first published his anthology series in 1996 with the help of a Xeric Foundation grant and continued the format into a second issue, before combining the series' characters with characters from his Slave Labor series *Everwinds* in *The Everwinds Awakening War*, which led to a single story in each subsequent issue of *Awakening Comics*.

Awakening Comics 1999, which retails for $3.50, pays tribute to the E.C. horror titles with each story hosted by The Ringmaster of the Circus of Heaven and one of the stories, "Tales of the Dimensionauts," done in the E.C. style.

A hint of Peters' future work is also included.

Vampirella goes to Hell in March

Vampirella seeks Hell's power source, the Heart of Darkness, in "World's End," a three-part story arc beginning in *Vampirella Monthly* #13, scheduled to ship in March from Harris.

The story follows events in the Vampirella-Lady Death crossover with Chaos and sets Vampirella against The Voidswarm in a story by David Conway and Steven Grant with art by Patrick Zircher and Gary Martin. A new Pantha serial illustrated by David Finch also begins in the $2.95 issue. Two covers are available, one by Zircher and the other by Finch (above).

While Vampirella continues her battle with The Voidswarm in *Vampirella Monthly* #14, the Pantha serial also continues, this installment illustrated by Mark Texeira. Scheduled to ship in April, the $2.95 issue again features two covers, one by Zircher (below) and the other by Finch.

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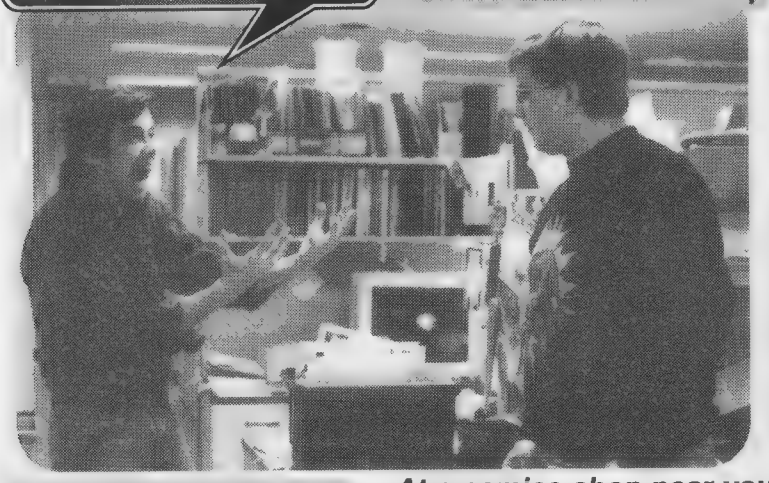

Yours truly: Religious fervor.
Brent: Amiable bemusement.
The topic: Whether Mushmouth or Dumb Donald was "the one with the big hat."
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comics newsline

Penny Farthing Press will publish a limited-edition version of ***The Victorian #1*** in April signed by cover artist **Jim Steranko**. The edition will have a cardstock cover and chromium finish.

***Golden Age Men of Mystery* #14**, scheduled for May by **AC**, spotlights **Fawcett** with features including "Commando Yank," "Bulletman," and "Ibis the Invincible."

In May, **Cartoon Books** offers a signed and numbered color lithograph for ***Bone***, its first ever. Limited to 300, it retails for $150.

That's some catalog...

"Margie Gets Free Gifts For the Whole Family" stands as one of Gandalf Productions' most charmingly low-tech comic-book advertisements of the 1970s. Margie (far left) puts her faith in an advertiser in *Love & Romance*. (Or is that *Love & Rockets?* Wow, she *is* prescient!)

Margie's patience is finally rewarded with an array of gifts. The collection must really be something, since no one notices the way that cynical Billy (left panel, at right) seems to have changed genders over the course of the story (right panel, at center).

By the numbers

$2.79 The average cover price of **all** the comic books that made Diamond's **Top 300** in January.

$2.56 The average cover price of the average comic book **ordered** by retailers in January.

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$1.99 The cover price of Diamond's **top-selling comic book** in January (*Uncanny X-Men* #366).

Sources include *Comics Retailer* and Diamond Comic Distributors.

A cry in the dark? "One can see the brilliance and understand the genius of Orson Welles in his films," wrote a New Jersey retailer to us last fall. "One can read about and comprehend why it took so long for him to complete his masterpieces *Othello* and *Chimes at Midnight*.

"Is it possible to reasonably explain how or why a 20-page comic book, created by those who are far from absolute giants of the arts, can be, on a regular basis, three, six, or nine months late?"

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Mystery plots, a mysterious promotion, and more parodies

Another wild, wintry Thursday evening in central Wisconsin — the only thing moving is on the tube. And so much for that: The Einsteins at ABC have pulled *Cupid*, the Memphis Tigers are blowing a conference game on ESPN, and the new George Carlin concert won't be on HBO for another 46 hours and counting.

And over on WTBS, *Punisher* lurches on into the night. But the Intrepid Meredith's never seen it, and so we pause — long enough to see dyed Dolph Lundgren's toothy mug leering over some poor sap he's torturing on a rack. "Yep," Meredith sighs, "that's about what I expected."

Let's read some comic books.

Scene of the Crime #1 — DC
$2.50, color, 32 pages, ships March 3

If your life's a mess, start nosing around in someone else's. That's Jack Herriman's response to his drug-addled past: become a gumshoe, and find somebody worse off. Not really the prescription Billy Joel sang of in "My Life" — but here it's an idea behind an intriguing new mini-series from *Detour* writer Ed Brubaker and *Terminal City* artist Michael Lark.

Pro: Slick, engaging mystery mini-series.
Con: Really better read under one cover.
OVERALL: A-

In this contemporary mystery, Jack, who's getting his head together working as a P.I. under the roof of his crime photog uncle, pokes into the disappearance of a young woman last seen in the company of a New Age cult. He finds the group to be both less and more than it seems, a creepy commune of aimless (yet very jumpy) drop-outs.

Brubaker unfolds the mystery in a crisp, methodical manner which should appeal to fans of Joe Zabel's *Trespasser* comics. It's still unclear how Jack's new vocation is very therapeutic, but #1 is strong enough to earn the benefit of the doubt.

(This may also be the first remotely *noir* story ever in which a P.I.'s client asks for permission to smoke *before* the butt is burning!)

Nathan Never #1 — Dark Horse
$4.95, b/w, 102 pages, ships March 17

Bring on the Bonelli Comics, a line of popular adventure/mystery titles from Italy being introduced by Dark Horse here in March in three different six-issue series: *Nathan Never, Martin Mystery,* and *Dylan Dog*. Beyond the intentionally square names, they're set apart by the package: thick, stand-alone 100-page issues.

Pro: Moody, lush inks.
Con: Story starts strong, loses footing.
OVERALL: B

Never #1, with its Arthur Adams cover, intersects territories familiar to the U.S. reader: mystery, horror, and SF comics. In a spacefaring future, Never investigates a massacre on a research vessel — and finds the attack may have come from within.

From choreographed violence to Nicola Mari's stark inks, *Never* will remind some here of Frank Miller's work. And if the story in #1 is often less than engaging, it's still a good attempt to broaden U.S. readers' horizons beyond the tights-wearing set.

Classic Star Wars: A Long Time Ago #1 — Dark Horse
No cover price, color, 96 pages, Mar 98

Here's a case of good news and bad news. Long having had access to Marvel's *Star Wars* comics, Dark Horse is finally putting them back into print. The reprint series will jump around: The first issue reprints Chris Claremont's strong *Annual* #1, Jo Duffy's *Annual* #3 tale of a Jedi hopeful lost to Vader's clutches, and her less ambitios "Wookiee World" story from #91. April's second issue features #28 (the "Monkey Jabba" story), #38 (Michael Golden's offbeat but artful tale), and #49 and #50 (Archie Goodwin's "Crimson Forever"). Dark Horse acknowledges the different rules Marvel worked under, calling the stories "eccentric" in promotional copy — although Dark Horse would clearly kill for this much latitude with the characters, and some of its own series have wanted for the plotting of a Goodwin or Michelinie. Either way, Dark Horse's superior production values applied to these stories is great news for fans.

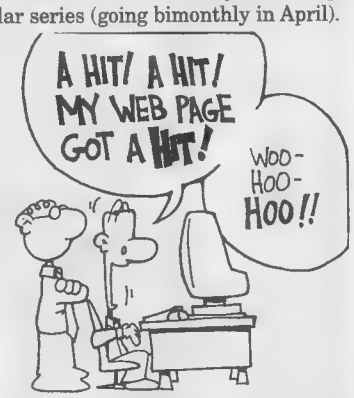
The bad news is that, in what someone must have thought was a good idea, retailers can *only* get copies of *A Long Time Ago* if they order equal quantities of each of the three Bonelli titles mentioned above. That's a "premium" in the vernacular, but for retailers who've sounded off to *Comics Retailer*, it's been a headache: tying together a demonstrably salable product with an unrelated and still unknown quantity. (While Dark Horse notes that the Bonelli comics sell 25 million copies a year in Italy, with all due respect, in the U.S. they haven't got an Italian ice's chance on Tatooine of matching demand for *Star Wars* comics in the spring of 1999!)

Pro: Comics definitely worth reprinting, *but...*
Con: Not as a premium. If you *get* it, it's a B+. The *promotion's* a D.

The Bonelli titles deserve a chance, and the fact that less adventurous retailers won't give them one is troublesome. Few fans who think these reprint volumes deserve a chance, too, will consider this the right solution, though.

Dork Tower #3 — Corsair
$2.95, b/w, 32 pages, January 1998

Looking at comics that parody fandom here a few weeks ago, we invariably missed a newcomer that's been around for a while. John Kovalic's cartoons have been appearing in Slave Labor's *Love in Tights* and *Shadis* magazine for a while; now, in the wake of the success of *Knights of the Dinner Table*, his hapless geeks-plus-a-muskrat have found their way into a regular series (going bimonthly in April).



Kovalic's cartoonistry is in top form here, and *Dork Tower* is at its best in showing its characters' dealings with outsiders, such as issue #2's insightful party sequence exploring the silliness separating Goths and "mundanes." It's a fine line he's walking in these types of stories, however, and he occasionally ambles off after the over-the-top "aren't they weird" laugh. They're easy, but there's diminishing returns there: After a while, we'll be less interested in how dysfunctional the geeks can act in public than in how they got that way.

Pro: Art does the job; timing sense excellent.
Con: Promised appeal-broadening gags on comics, SF are overdue.
OVERALL: B+

For now, he's delivering the laughs. Issue #3's Tolkien sequence directly led to an unpleasant episode involving nasal passages and orange soda. For that, he gets the high mark — and my cleaning bill.

ANSWERS: Half right and you're a Master Aficionado: 1. *Conan the Barbarian* 2. *World's Finest* 3. *Wonder Woman* 4. *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* 5. *Captain America* 6. *March of Comics* (really!) 7. *Adventure* 8. *Journey into Mystery* 9. *Walt Disney's Comics & Stories* 10. *Four-Color*

trivia line — SERIES SWAN SONGS #1

Here's a toughie for true completists: These are the last issues and cover-dates of some long-running titles. What were they, O comics masters? ➤

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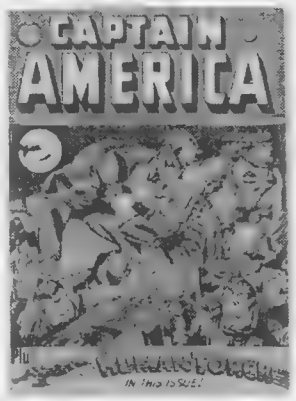
CLASSIC GOLDEN AGE!!

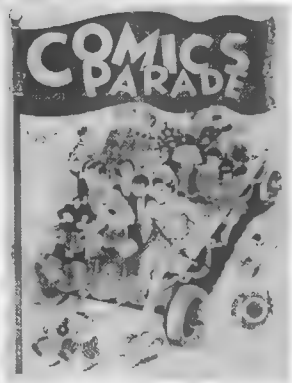
Lot #0 Detective Comics #1 Truly the most amazing comic we've had in any of our 5 auctions to date! This blatantly rare (estimated 30 copies exist) 1st issue has to be one of the top 5 keys in all of comics! This copy has professional restoration to spine (resealing, mending, color touch) and a few pages tears sealed, light reinforcement to outer corners, light color touch. No restoration documentation Pages OWL 7.0-7.5 and decent; no brittleness. Cover very sharp, rich colors, excellent eye-appeal! A copy very comparable to this one sold at Sotheby's 4 years ago for about $40,000!!! This apparent FINE can be had for a fraction of that! Scan of cover available for serious bidders only, please! Opening Bid $5000

Lot #1 All Winners #7 Tremendous Schomburg WWII cover featuring Cap/Torch & Subby beating the snot out of Japanese! Superior copy with no creases, rip-roaring cover colors, tight spine, with a small ¼" staple tear, miniscule 1/16" tip off at lower right corner, pencilled arrival date in masthead OWL 7.5 paper very supple This VF- will blow you to Tokyo'! Opening Bid $500



Lot #3 Captain America #19 Incredible super-high grade copy of bizarre Avison cover! This baby has just the faintest touch of wear along the spine, some tiny transverse spine stress marks, 1/16" rub at bottom right corner, faint ¾" printer's crease on right edge, very faint ⅜" shadow along right edge, pencilled arrival date in masthead. OWL 7.5 pages (light Timely tan). Cover with newsstand colors and eye appeal! Very rare to see this book in VF/NM! Opening Bid $1000

Lot #4 Charlie Chaplin #317 (1917) Uncommon is putting it mildly! Ultra-rare book from Platinum Age, titles "Up in the Air". Large 9"x16" book featuring Segar art! Spine fairly decent with some splits at top/bottom, faint wrinkles on cover, ½" tear top edge, book length vertical crease, supple pages OWL 7.5, nice eye appeal to cover. Despite being 82 years old, this VG- is boss, and get this: NO RESERVE! Opening Bid $200



Lot #5 Comics on Parade #1 Scarce 1st issue of long running United Features Synd. title! Many popular characters are featured in this mag; Tarzan, Abbie & Slats, Lil' Abner!! Solid copy has some tape on spine, (3 pieces), and at top edge ½" tears (2 pc tape), and at right edge inside of cover (1 pc tape). Some faint smudge marks on white background of cover, 2 tiny pcs/tape on back cover edge, soft & supple OWL 8.0 paper! We'll call it VG, but looks a bit better! Opening Bid $300

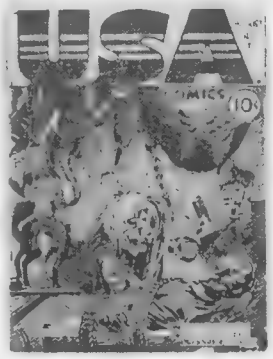
Lot #6 Detective Comics #4 VERY RARE (estimated 11-20 copies exst, and at least ½ of those are restored!) early ish of this great title! This copy completely unrestored! Book length vertical crease break just a hint of color, ½" tear top/spine, spine itself fairly tight, with ¼" staple tears, OWL 7.5 pages quite supple, teeny ¼" tear bottom/spine, strong cover colors and eye-appeal. Double rock solid VG-! Opening Bid $1700

Lot #7 Giant Comics Editions #12 (Diary Secrets #12) Ridiculously rare, I have only seen 1 copy of this book in the last 3 years, and that copy had a missing back cover and sold for $350!! Super-Sleazy M. Baker prostitute cover puts this book on loads of want-lists!! Book has some light spine wear with tiny ⅜" paper loss on square-bound spine at bottom, 2" almost undectectable stress line at lower right corner, OWL 7.0 pages show no brittleness at all. Cover solid with nice eye-appeal! Bid strong on this VG/VG+!! Opening Bid $600

Lot #8 Mad #1-4 EC's #1 key! Ever popular satirical mag launches with this historic 1st issue! Book has quite a bit of wear on spine, with teeny 1/16" chips out, abrading, bottom staple popped through cover, few tiny edge nicks/chips along right edge, 1" crease lower right corner, OWL 7.5 pages are quite supple. Cover with real nice colors and eye-appeal! Grade G/VG PLUS issues #2 solid GOOD, #3 nice VG+, #4 decent VG!!! Opening Bid $475

Lot #9 Master Comics #1 Huge oversized Fawcett key!! This scarce 1940 issue (Gerber 7) has moderate professional restoration to spine (resealed, mended, color touched) some foxing along top edge and top right corner, light tanned OWL 7.5 pages (supple) and very bold, rich cover colors and eye-appeal! Best of all, there's NO RESERVE on this apparent FINE+! Opening Bid $500

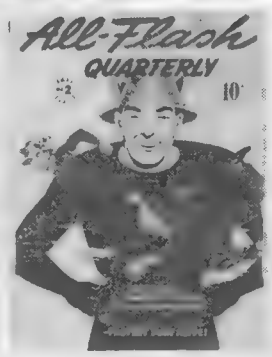
Lot #10 More Fun #14 Mega-rare (less than 50 copies exist) 1st app. Dr. Occult (Superman prototype!) in costume! This is one of the most sought after golden age keys of the last few years, as everyone wakes up to the Superman prototype hype! This copy has a nice, tight spine with minimal wear/stress marks. ¼" sun shadow along top & right edges, OWL 7.5 pages, with lower right corner OWL 6 and somewhat weak at extreme tips. (1st few pages only). Otherwise, copy is quite attractive with rich, powerful cover colors and superb eye appeal! Looks better than our ultra-strict VG-! Opening Bid $1500



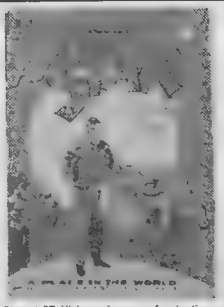
Lot #11 USA Comics #1 Heinous Simon/Kirby Nazi torture/bondage cover! Wolverton interior art! Nice unrestored copy with moderate wear along spine, ¼" creases at outer corners, teeny 1/16" chips near bottom right corner, couple of tiny ⅛" tears on back cover Pages typical Timely tan, OWL 7.5 and quite supple. Cover with exceptional colors and some gloss. This VG/VG+ will make a fine addition to any collection! Opening Bid $1200

DC PLATINUM/GOLDEN AGE

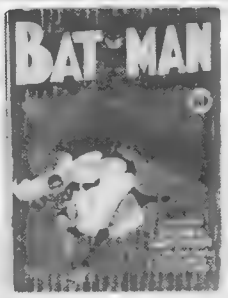
Lot #12 Adventure #47 Totally cool Sandman/speedboat cover! Copy has very amateur resto to spine, edges, mending, color touch, tear seals, piece replacement. Pages OWL 7.0-7.5, cover shows well despite low-grade resto job. Still, this FAIR+ is WAYYY below guide! Opening Bid $150



Lot #13 All-Flash #2 "The Fastest Man Alive" zooms in with his 2nd quarterly ish! Edge wear on right, 2 very faint creases/ wrinkles near center/ bottom of cover, light-moderate spine wear, small ½" stain on back cover that goes into some page margins. 4" crease back cover. Nice OWL 8 paper and cover colors! Grades VG/VG-. Opening Bid $200

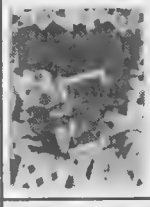


Lot #14 All Star #27 High grade copy of patriotic war cover! Book with nice spine with just some very light wear to cover, teeny ⅛" split bottom/spine. Biggest defect is dark brown stain on lower left of back cover that goes thru to almost all pages, with stain showing at outer ½" tip of same corner area. Pages otherwise off-white OWL 8.5!! Cover colors incredibly deep and rich! Still, a nice FINE! Opening Bid $175



Lot #15 Batman #6 The first 10 issues of the Caped Crusader's title mag continue to be much in demand, and this premo condition copy will get your juices flowing! Just some light-moderate spine wear, minor wear/stress at staples, a few 1/32" color flecks around edges. Off white pages and a flat, tight clean cover with awesome color strike! A ferocious FINE-. Opening Bid $400

Lot #16 Batman #9 Classic spotlight cover! Although this copy has its problems with masking tape all along spine, several nicks/color scrapes (⅛" at most) along right edge and bottom edge, small pencil marking on cover, scotch tape on inside edges of front cover, stains back cover, the pages are OWL 7.5 and supple plus the cover has surprisingly excellent colors! And with NO RESERVE, this FAIR is more than a fair deal! Opening Bid $110



Lot #17 Batman #11 THE Ultimate Joker cover! Low grade copy has taped spine, heavy spine wear, cover just hanging on by top staple, lower right corner chipped off ¼" thru entire book (brittleness), edge tears, low paper quality with some brittleness. However, cover with nice colors! Affordable FAIR/G Opening Bid $150

Lot #18 Batman #12 The always popular jeep/WWII theme cover! Book has minor wear to spine, ⅛" staple tears, tiny 1/16" by ¾" long sliver off at bottom right edge(insect chew), a few tiny ⅛" edge tears, penciled arrival date near top edge, supple OWL 7.5 pages, clean, attractive cover! VG+. Opening Bid $250

Lot #19 Batman #33 Nice Xmas cover! Spine has moderate wear, ¾" sealed split top/spine, rust on staples, white cover background slightly discolored, but not too bad. Pages OWL 7.5 and supple. Cover has no creases and had decent colors Solid VG! Opening Bid $100

Lot #20 Batman #38 Very early Penguin cover/story! High grade copy has just a small impact/stress mark at bottom/spine with ¼" tiny split, some 1/32" color flecks along bottom edge, ⅛" tear top edge, ¼" crease top right corner, ¼" light sun shadow right edge, penciled "W" in background area of cover. Pages nice OWL 7.5-8.0, and cover fresh and clean with tight spine! FINE+. Opening Bid $200

Lot #21 Batman #47 Key Origin re-told issue! This copy has amateur restoration to spine, pieces replaced, color touched, tears mended, few long creases (4"), OWL 7.5 pages and cover not bad! Several tiny pin-holes thru cover. Apparent G+. Opening Bid $150

Lot #22 Batman 3-D 1953 & 1966 BOTH Bat 3D mags together!! 1953 copy missing glasses, multiple creases lower right corner and also at top right corner, spine with some wear, decent OWL 7.5 pages. 1966 beautiful high grade copy with just some very light stress markings around outer edges and teeny color flecks along spine. Otherwise book in like-new condition! Pages fresh OWL 9 Grades VF/NM! Opening Bid $150

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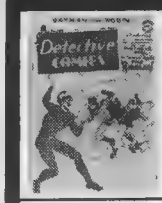

Lot #23 Detective #140 1st Riddler appearance ish still commanding premium money, this VG- copy has small piece missing off lower ¾" of spine, tiny ⅛" chip at right edge of cover, ¾" spine roll and flexible OWL 7.5 pages Opening Bid $400

Lot #24 Detective #142 Tough to find 2nd Riddler! This Canadian printed copy has high grade look, but has rust on staples, 1 ½" crease lower right corner barely breaks color, light stress/wear on cover surface. Very strong cover colors and OWL 8 off white pages! NO reserve, too! Opening Bid $80

Lot #25 Detective #168 Classic Joker origin issue! Nice mid-grade copy has tip of lower right corner missing, moderate spine wear/stress markings, thin 2" crease top right corner, fresh OWL 8 paper! VG all the way! Opening Bid $250

Lot #26 Flash Wheaties Give-A-Way Very scarce, and this copy is extremely attractive! It has the 4 areas of tape, (all copies do!), Unobtrusive penned name on cover (¾" by ½"), lightly pencilled 4 cents marking on cover, few tiny edge tears at bottom edge. Very flat, tight, grades out at VF+! Opening Bid $250

Lot #27 Green Lantern #25 At first glance, book looks VF/NM, but has 2 splotches of paint (½" and ⅛") at top of cover area. Pencilled NOC (2" by ⅛") Otherwise, a great, tight copy, off white pages, rich cover colors!! We'll grade it FINE+. Opening Bid $175

Lot #28 More Fun #36 Always scarce, these 1930's pre-hero issues continue to be much in demand! Book has fair amount of spine wear, couple spine splits (1 ¾" and 1"), ¾" by ½" piece out of bottom edge, ¼" tear right edge, 1" tear near missing piece of bottom edge, OWL 7.5 pages and good cover colors. Grades G/VG, and NO RESERVE! Opening Bid $200

Lot #29 More Fun #38 Flessel cover, scarce pre-hero era! Book has heavy spine wear, 1 ½" spine split (top), rust on staples, foxing on cover surface, supple OWL 7 5 pages. Grades G/G+. Opening Bid $150

Lot #30 More Fun #54 One of the true all-time classic Spectre covers! This copy has heavy restoration to spine (mending, resealing, color touch, lots of tear seals) and corner creases. Pages tanned OWL 7, but still decent. Cover sports good colors! With No RESERVE on this apparent G+, how can 'ya go wrong!? Opening Bid $295

Lot #31 More Fun #79 Wild Green Arrow & Speedy cover! Cover re-glued at staples, slight chippiness to paper at lower right corner, pages otherwise OWL 7 and decent. Staple tears, bindery chip top of spine. Small ½" piece missing back cover, Cover shows very strong, with nice eye appeal! VG-, # but looks much better! Opening Bid $125

Lot #32 More Fun #88 Action packed Green Arrow/Speedy cover! Moderate wear on spine with glue reinforcement, thin scuff mark 3" by ½", pencilled initial "g" in masthead, bold cover colors and nice creamy, supple pages. Grades VG/VG+. Opening Bid $90

Lot #33 Mutt & Jeff Book 17 (1932) The Platinum age has really gotten hot, as collectors/investors alike realize the rarity of these truly great books! This Cupples & Leon gem has nice spine, very light wrinkles on cover, just a bit of fade, pencil marking (almost faded completely out). Pages lightly tanned; supple Grades FINE- with jaw-dropping NO RESERVE!. Opening Bid $85

Lot #34 Real Fact #1 Simon & Kirby cover/art & Harry Houdini story!! Plus some F. Ray art, too! All in yet another DC #1 key issue! Tight spine, amazing, rich cover colors! Only defects are small ¼" chip at top edge, and small ½" stain on back cover that goes into very edges of page/margins. Still, that can't hold back this F/VF!! Opening Bid $125

Lot #35 Real Screen Funnies #1 First ish of popular DC title featuring loads of fun & animal cartoon favorites! Solid copy has light foxing at top right corner, tiny ¼" right edge tear, nice OWL, 7.5 pages, tight spine! A nice FINE. Opening Bid $100

Lot #36 Sensation #24 & #107 Neat lot featuring #24; lower spine impact/bindery chip, tiny color flake neat right edge, slight miscut, very strong OWL 8 paper and overall appearance Grades FINE+. #107 scarce 1st Mystery issue, featuring Toth's "Johnny Peril". General wear to spine, edge stress/chips. Decent G/VG. Opening Bid $100

Lot #37 Star Spangled #39 Nice Guardian/Newsboy Legion cover by Simon/Kirby! Light spine/stapies stress, few teeny edge nicks/chips along right edge, ink stamped name on cover (3 ¼" by ½"), strong cover colors and OWL 7 5 -8.0 pages. Grades VG+. Opening Bid $50

Lot #38 Superman #22 & 25 A pair of vintage Man of Steel mags! #22 with spine wear, staple wear and small tears, 1 ⅛" tear at right edge, faint lower right corner creases/wrinkles (does not break color), supple pages and even gloss on cover! G/VG. #25 with heavy spine wear, 1 ¼" split bottom spine, pencilled name on cover, stamped arrival date (small), supple off white paper and grades G+. NO RESERVE!! Opening Bid $165

Lot #39 World's Finest #13 At first glance, looks VF+, but spine split/tears/abrading at: bottom ¾" of spine, teeny 1/16" rodent nibble at very tip of bottom right corner, gorgeous OWL 8.5 paper! Strong cover colors and inks! Grades FINE. Opening Bid $130

Lot #40 World's Finest #15 Nifty baseball theme cover, with Supes sliding in under Batman's tag! Light spine wear, some minor crinkling near center of cover, tiny ¼" bindery chip bottom/spine. Great cover appearance and nice OWL 7.5-8.0 paper! Grades VG+. Opening Bid $100

Lot #41 World's Finest #19 Ridiculous Tug-of-War cover, with Robin beating Supes AND Bat??? Light smudge in background near spine, foxing along top edge ¼", and at lower 3" of right edge (¼" deep). Light spine wear, Nice cover colors, OWL 8 pages! Decent VG+. Opening Bid $100

Lot #42 World's Finest #20 Spoof on Robin cover, this book has ½" tip of top right corner missing on cover, light spine wear, couple of chips at right and bottom edges, supple OWL 8 pages, and an otherwise flat, tight cover! Grades VG/VG- Opening Bid $80

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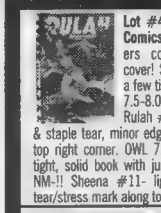


Lot #43 Misc. Lot Of Good Girl Comics 4 book lot featuring: Rangers comics #65-Sexy Squaw cover! Super high grade copy; just a few tiny spine stress marks, OWL 7.5-8.0 pages! Easily an NM-!! Rulah #25- some light spine wear & staple tear, minor edge stress along right edge, mini ⅜" crease top right corner. OWL 7.5 pages and grades FINE. Sheena #10- tight, solid book with just the slightest microscopic wear! Grades NM-!! Sheena #11- light-moderate wear along spine, tiny ⅛" tear/stress mark along top edge, nice FINE+!! Opening Bid $250

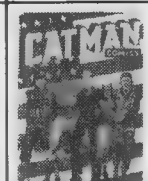
Lot #44 America's Greatest Comics #1 Another awesome 1st ish, with all the best Fawcett heroes! Capt. Marvel, Bulletman, Minute-Man, Spy Smasher and more! Big squarebound has wear on outside of' spine, abrading, possible re-glue of cover to interior, foxing at upper right corner & erasure marking. Otherwise quite appealing copy with deep colors and quite a bit of gloss! OWL 7 paper with no brittleness. VG/VG+. Opening Bid $190

Lot #45 Archie #10 Hilarious Arch in Venice/gondola cover! Very pretty copy has near perfect spine, ⅛" nick at top of spine, tiny stress mark at top edge, nice OWL 7.5-8.0 pages (creamy!), and a like-new cover with superb colors! Dead-balls on F/VF! Opening Bid $190

Lot #46 Big Shot Comics #3 & 23 Scarce early issues of off-beat title featuring Joe Palooka, Skyman, Charlie Chan and many more! #3 very glossy with brilliant cover colors! ½" (top) and 1" (bottom) spine splits, small ½" clear stain top of cover, fresh OWL 8 pages! Grades FINE+. #23 also very glossy with top staple popped through cover, nice OWL 8 pages, faint ½" dust shadow right edge. Solid FINE+. Opening Bid $120

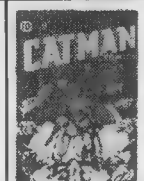
Lot #47 Blonde Phantom #12 High grade alert!! Super-sexy copy of 1st ish! (previously All Select) Back cover with a few minor light stains (½") and some edge stress. Front cover has stunning eye-appeal, with just a ½" sun shadow along right edge. Light wear along spine, pencilled arrival date, supple OWL 7.5 pages ¼" bindery nick/tear top of spine. A pretty F++. Opening Bid $250

Lot #48 Brenda Starr #13 (#1) "D" copy WHOA!!! Talk about headlights! And a pedigree to boot! From the "D" collection, book has few stress lines on spine, tiny edge stress marking along top edge, light foxing along spine, bottom edge, and top/bottom right edge. Light ink transfer. OWL 8.5 pages. Would be VF/NM if not for the foxing, thus we grade it F/VF! Opening Bid $150



Lot #49 Catman #27 Classic L.B. Cole patriotic flag cover! Medium wear along spine with book length spine stress markings, staples stress, 2 ¼" crease lower right corner, OWL 7.5 pages and very attractive cover! Easily a VG-. Opening Bid $100

Lot #50 Catman #30 Yet another great Cole cover! Book has fairly heavy spine/staple stress and wear, ¼" splits top and bottom of spine, faint book length crease (vertical), soft cream pages and solid cover colors! Pencilled names on cover in logo. A steady G+/VG with no reserve! Opening Bid $70



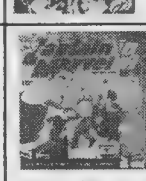
Lot #51 Catman #31 Fantastic L.B. Cole wolves cover! Spine rolled ¼" with tears at staple area, rust on staples, pencilled name on cover, long 6" crease top right quarter of cover, supple OWL 7.5 pages and nice cover! Grades VG-. Opening Bid $100

Lot #52 Champion Comics #2 & #6 Two nice books from 1939-40, featuring some super golden age art by Kiefer! #2 has nice spine with just some light average wear, impacted top right corner, few small chips along right edge, paper a bit tanned Grades VG. #6 with spine wear, rust on staples, small ¼" chew at bottom right corner, few pencilled markings on cover, supple OWL 8 pages. Grades G+. Opening Bid $135

Lot #53 Contact Comics #10 Superb high grade L.B. Cole gem! Only defects holding this from NM are: miniscule 1/16" tip off lower right corner, slight wear at top of spine, mini ⅛" tear bottom edge. Nice OWL 7.5-8.0 paper. Grades at VF! Opening Bid $75

Lot #54 Famous Funnies Group Lot 9 early, tough-to-find issues of 1930's -era GOLD! Lot includes: #23 FINE-, #29 VG-, #30 G+, #31 VG/FN (½" spine split), #34 VG-, #36 VG, #37 VG+, #41 VG+, #46 FINE-. All books in this lot quite solid, and sport general wear, decent paper quality and attractive covers. Guide value over $700; this lot amazingly has NO RESERVE! Opening Bid $290

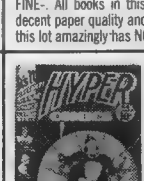
Lot #55 Fawcett Group Lot #1 Nifty 5 book lot of popular Fawcett mags: Bulletman #11- tight spine has some wear & light abrading, very slight stress marks at top right corner, clean, tight cover with good colors and supple OWL 7.5-8.0 pages. Grades F/VF-. Captain Marvel #20 (no miniature) tape but solid G+. Captain Marvel #40 with tape, OWL 8 pages, grades GOOD, Captain Marvel #55-nice high grade with OWL 8.5 pages and grades VF+! Captain Marvel #73 tight, awesome colors, couple long creases do not break color, OWL 8 pages, VG. Opening Bid ... $200



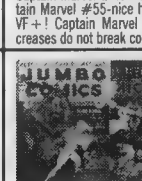
Lot #56 Fawcett Group Lot #2 This 2nd grouping consists of 5 more popular favorites! Features: Captain Marvel #50 VG, #50 F/VF, #51 G+, Captain Marvel Jr. #33 VG+, and Whiz #69 FINE. All books very solid with general wear, supple pages and exceptional eye appeal! NO RESERVE makes this a must! Opening Bid $125

Lot #57 Fiction House Good Girl Lot (16 books) WOW!! Sassy lot with loads of hot good girl covers! Lot includes. Jumbo #153 VG+, #154 VG+/FN, #157 taped spine G/VG, Jungle Comics #93 G/VG, #96 VG/VG+, #100 VG/VG+, #105 VG+, #109 VG/VG-, #117 VG, #118 VG, #129 taped spine G/VG, Kaanga #2 VG+, #5 VG/FN, #12 FINE-, #16 G/VG, #20 VG/VG+. Good colors on all books, decent page quality! Opening Bid $250

Lot #58 The Funnies #43 & 49 Two very nice 1940's books from Dell title that features Mr. Districy Attorney, John Carter, Sky Ranger & more! #43 with tight spine, light dust shadow top left corner, light wear bottom right corner, OWL 7 pages and bright cover! Grades VG/FN #49 a real beauty with very light spine wear, miniscule nick top edge, small impact marking bottom/spine, OWL 7 pages and very nice cover colors! A slammin F/VF! Opening Bid $145



Lot #59 Hyper Mystery Comics #1 Very Scarce 1940's mag with bizarre Sci-Fi/Mystery theme. Beautiful copy has very light spine wear, slight wear to top edge, mini ¼" crease top right corner,bottom staple popped thru cover, light tanned OWL 7 pages are not brittle, pencilled "R" on cover, bright, vivid cover colors. A nice FN-. Opening Bid $200



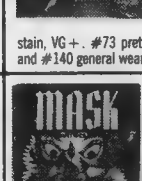
Lot #60 Jumbo Misc. Lot (7 books) All Classics! All Sheena covers! Lot includes. #35 small pc. tape/spine, VG, #42 taped spine, dark pages, G/G+, #51 chips on cover, OWL 7 pages, G/VG. #62 light wear, stain, VG+. #73 pretty VG/FN, #103 stamped arrival date, VG and #140 general wear, straight VG! Opening Bid $135

Lot #61 Jumbo #114 & #122 Two great sexy Sheena covers!! #114 looks VF+, but ¼" top right corner piece missing, so VG. #122 has light spine stress and right edge stress, near invisible sub-crease. VG+. Opening Bid $25

Lot #62 Jumbo 140-142 3 great Sheena covers! #140 with very light spine stress marks, OWL 7 pages. Nice VF! #141 tiny impact mark lower right corner, ⅛" bindery nick bottom spine, OWL 6.0 pages. Grades F/VF #142 few tiny ⅛" spine stress lines, OWL 7.5 pages and grades VF/NM! Opening Bid $90

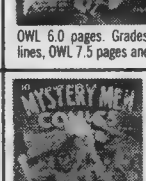
Lot #63 Kid Komics #1 Japanese WWII cover by Shores, plus Wolverton interior art (7pgs), and one of the nicest copies around!! Very light spine wear, ¼" tears at staple area, 1/16" nick bottom-spine. Supple OWL 8.0 pages, flat, tight cover with deep, rich color. Small, faint pencilled 'L" on cover. A slammin' VF/VF-!! Opening Bid $800

Lot #64 Liberty Scouts Comics #2 (#1) Action packed Gustavson WWII cover, depicting Nazi tanks in Washington D.C.!! Scarce book (Gerber 7), this copy has 4 pieces of scotch tape on spine, and a slight color scrape near spine. Slightly rounded outer corners, OWL 8 paper! If not for tape, would be near VF! We'll call it VG+. Opening Bid $95



Lot #65 Mask Comics #1 Fascinating L.B. Cole cover, and tough to find, too! Heavy spine wear/abrading and 3" split, small ½" piece missing at bottom right corner, tape on inside of spine, 1" piece missing near spine on back cover. Still, nice cover colors and even some gloss! Nice OWL 7.5 soft pages! Grades G/G+. Opening Bid $95

Lot #66 Master Comics #20 Heroic Bulletman cover, plus Cap. Marvel cameo! High grade copy has awesome spine with light impact marks/wrinkles at top, very minute oxidation on staples, light ink smudge top right corner, supple OWL 7.5 pages and excellent cover colors! A sharp F/VF! Opening Bid $175



Lot #67 Mystery Men #4 Classic Lou Fine cover! These early issue remain very elusive, and continue to be red-hot! Moderate to heavy spine wear, small stains on front cover, ½" tear right edge of cover, light color touch along top of spine. Pages supple OWL 7. VG-. Opening Bid $200

Lot #68 National #7 This eerie ghost ship cover by Lou Fine has been hotter than hell! This copy has spine 100% split, with book in 3 pieces (covers, interior). Pages nice creamy to off white and very supple Cover has truly great colors and quite a bit of gloss! This FAIR would make an awesome restoration candidate! Opening Bid $150

Lot #69 Nyoka Jungle Girl Lot (9 books) Great batch of Fawcett jungle gal books! Lot includes: #2 light general wear, FINE+, #3 blazing cover colors, some color bleed thru, spine splits, VG. #5 VG+, #6 VG++, #10 VG+, #11 VF-, #12 VG+, #14 VG+, #17 VG/FN. All books with OWL 7.5-8.0 supple pages! Opening Bid $190

Lot #70 Pep #16 Absolutely hideous Novick blood-drainage cover, and 1st app. Madam Satan! This is one of those covers everyone is after! Book has ½" by ¼" chip out at top/spine, moderate spine/staple wear, few chips along right edge and tip of lower right corner off. Pages nice creamy to off-white and supple. Cover with real nice colors. Grades VG-. Opening Bid $80

Lot #71 Phantom Lady (Ajax) #2 & 4 The Headlites Queen, and nobody does it like M. Baker! This 2nd series run features ish #2 with light-mod. spine wear, slight spine roll, edge wear top/bottom, store stamp on PL legs, OWL 7.5 pages, real decent cover appearance. VG-. #4 with light-moderate general surface wear, supple OWL 7.5 pages, tight, clean cover with strong colors/gloss. A pleasing VG+. Opening Bid $145

Lot #72 Planet Group Lot Hot babes and aliens in outer space! Lot features: #36- just some tiny nicks along edges with slight color flecks, bindery nick bottom/spine, OWL 7 pages. FINE+. #43-light wear on spine, faint ½" crease top right corner, OWL 7.5 pages, nice cover! VG+ #68-spine has ⅜" roll, moderate spine wear (stress marks, light abrading) thin sub-crease, edge wear/stress, OWL 7.0 a es. Grades G/VG. Opening Bid $180

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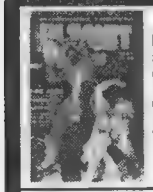


Lot #73 Planet Comics #36 More sexy space-babes & monster-aliens! High grade copy has tiny 1/8" bindery nick top/spine, 1/32" nick bottom/spine. Pages darker tanned OWL 7.0, but not brittle. Book otherwise has no defects! Spine like-new, cover flawless! Would grade NM- but for pages, so VF! Opening Bid $120

Lot #74 Police Comics #3 Tough to find 3rd ish of hot Quality title featuring early Plastic Mam appearances! Cover popped through top staple, and is barely attached at bottom staple, 2 small pieces of tape at top/middle of spine, sun shadow along top/right edges, pages tanning, but no brittleness. Cover exhibits nice eye appeal and color! VG-, but looks better! Opening Bid $140

Lot #75 Police Comics #13 & 16 2 great early Plastic Man covers!! #13 very nice with tight, solid spine, a hint of rust on staples, couple of teeny 1/16" edge nicks/stress marks Off white OWL 8 pages and clean, tight cover. Grades FINE+ #16 looks VF, but has rusty staple that stains a small area of margins of a couple of pages, bottom right corner a bit rounded, 1/4" spine roll. Creamy, soft paper and bright, tight cover! Grades FINE-. Opening Bid $250

Lot #76 Shield Wizard #3 Wild Novick cover with aliens and bondage! Very sweet copy has 1/2" tear top edge/top of spine, which has been sealed and taped over Pages lightly tanned. Otherwise a fabulous looking book! Grade it FINE-. Opening Bid $110

Lot #77 Silver Streak #2 Grotesque monster cover, plus a scarce book! Light-moderate restoration to spine (re-sealed, mending/filler added) and sealed 1" tears at staple area on rear cover. A few tiny chips (1/16") along right edge, and teeny color flecks along top edge Pages decent OWL 7.5, and cover has impressive, rich color strike! Appears FINE-. Opening Bid $225

Lot #78 Speed #1 Very scarce (less than 50 copies exist) 1st issue featuring 1st Shock Gibson, and Powell art! Spine shows moderate-heavy wear, top staple popped thru cover, 1/4" piece missing top/spine, 1/2" split bottom/spine, edge wear and few 1/4" edge tears, small 1/4" hole back cover, pages OWL 7.5 and supple, and cover shows well! Even more mind-boggling, this G+ has NO RESERVE! Opening Bid $150

Lot #79 Spy Smasher #2 & 8 2 neat early Fawcett books of our WWII hero! #2 with ultra-Patriotic cover! Book has 3/4" piece missing at top right corner, spine fairly tight with minimal wear, 1/2" tear bottom edge, supple OWL 7.5 pages and grades VG- Issue #8 "Wake Island/Whack a Jap" cover!! 1" split bottom of otherwise tight spine, rust on staples, 1/8" nick top edge, paper is soft and creamy and cover shows bright, clean color! Grades FINE-! Opening Bid $190

Lot #80 Top Notch #18 Macabre Camy graveyard cover! A very attractive book with solid, tight spine with just the slightest wear, hard to detect 3/4" crease lower right corner, slight 1/4" spine roll, book-length fold/crease that does not break any color and hard to detect. Pages creamy OWL 7.5. Pencilled arrival date along top edge Tons of gloss and deep color strike! Grades VG+. Opening Bid $95

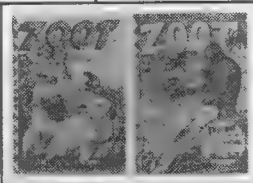
Lot #81 Top Notch #28 WOW! Cool Black Hood story, and, of course, the 1st app. of "Pokey Oakey"!! If that's not enough, check this cover looks like it was printed yesterday, with colors so rich & glossy it's amazing! Pages snow-white OWL 9.5!! Tiny bindery nick bottom/spine, little 1/4" crease lower right corner, light staple stress, light foxing spots on back cover. She still comes in easily at VF, though! Opening Bid $120

Lot #82 Uncle Sam Quarterly #1 So much jammed into 1 mag! Eisner/Fine cover! Origin Uncle Sam! Jack Cole art! Spine with moderate wear, staple tears / stress, spine stress marks / wrinkles, creases at outer corners, small edge tears (1/8-1/4"), stamped arrival date. However, pages off-white OWL 8, cover has rich, deep colors, and there's NO RESERVE on this G+ +. Opening Bid $185

Lot #83 Weird Comics #7, 9-10 Cool Simon covers, this 3 book lot consists of #7: 1/2" spine roll, light general wear, bright cover colors! Pages supple, grades VG. #9: 1" piece/tape bottom of spine, light-moderate spine wear, rich cover colors, OWL 7.5 pages, grades VG-. #10: 1" split top/spine, 1/2" sun shadow right edge, tiny pencilled "P" on cover, white OWL 8 5 pages! A very nice FINE-!! Opening Bid $150

Lot #84 Whiz Comics #24, 26, 28 Shazam! A trio of great golden age classics! #24 with light-moderate spine wear, bindery nick bottom of spine, nice cover colors and OWL 8 pages! Grades VG/VG+. #26 small pieces / tape on spine, pencilled marking "S" on cover, OWL 7 pages, VG- #28 couple pieces of tape/spine, few tape stains bottom edge, decent cover and page[illegible] OWL 7.5 Grades VG Opening Bid $110

Lot #85 Zip Comics #5 & 6 Scarce 1940 MLJ issues featuring blantant Biro WWII covers! #5 has small pieces of tape neatly placed at 3 corners, loads of cover gloss with bright colors and OWL 7.5 supple pages! VG+ #6 with killer war cover! Book has some wear to spine, minor crease at top right corner, very strong cover colors with decent gloss and OWL 7.5-8.0 pages! Stone solid VG! Opening Bid $155



Lot #86 Zoot #15 & 16 2 great Kamen Rulah Headlight covers! #15 slight spine roll, wear on spine, tiny sliver off of lower right corner, supple OWL 7.5 pages. Grades VG #16 with edge stress/1/4" tear on bottom, light spine wear and surface wear. Great colors and eye appeal to cover, OWL 7.5 pages VG+. Opening Bid $70

CRIME/HORROR/SCI-FI COMICS

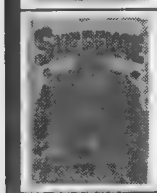
Lot #87 Flying Saucers #1 1950 Stunning copy of tough to find Avon Sci-Fi classic! Spectacular interior art by Wood! Book has very light spine wear limited to about 10 tiny transverse stress marks, small pencilled arrival date in masthead, ultra-faint 3/8" sun shadow along top edge, fresh OWL 8.5 pages and a flat, tight, clean cover round this this vivacious F + + ! Opening Bid $100

Lot #88 Weird Tales (1930's Pulps) Misc. Lot Some of the sexiest covers of them all! All with absolutely gorgeous Brundage cover, these books are scarce as hen's teeth! Lot includes: 11/33 issue- Macabre skull cover! Spine wear, creases, edge wear. VG-; 9/34 issue- spine wear, creases, small tears, color scrape G+; 6/37 issue: hot, hot "Carnal God" cover with (almost) bare breast! Reading crease, general wear, VG! Opening Bid $150

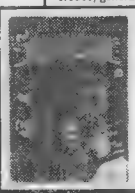
Lot #89 Journey into Unknown World's #1 & 3 Classic series starts off with some really wild Sci-Fi stories / covers! Lot features #36 (#1) with 3/4" by 3/8" piece out at bottom edge, moderate spine wear, spine roll, small stain top right corner, teeny chips along right edge. Grade GOOD+. Ish #38 (#3) has rust on staples, general wear with strong cover colors! Grades VG. Opening Bid $160

Lot #90 Robotmen of the Lost Planet #1 Scarce 1952 Avon thriller, with bizarre alien cover! Spine shows wear, many stress marks, some color flecking, but is fairly tight. 1/2" tear right edge, small 1/2" stress lines at bottom/spine Pages OWL 7.5-8.0 and supple. Grades VG+. Opening Bid $110

Lot #91 Strange Adventures #1 (DC) Neat "Destination Moon" photo-cover, this 1950 DC key always much in demand! Nice unrestored copy has moderate spine wear, tiny punch hole top left corner (thru entire book), edge wear/stress, few small edge tears, 3/4" tear top edge, supple OWL 7.5-8.0 pages and good cover eye-appeal! Grades VG-. Opening Bid $200



Lot #92 Suspense #11 (Continental) Cole's famous Devil cover! Gotta be one of my top 10 favorite covers! Gerber 7, this scarce book has moderate-heavy wear on spine, staple stress/tears, bindery nick, 1/2" dust shadow right edge, 1/2" spine roll, light-tanned OWL 7.5 pages, pencilled name on cover at top edge. G/VG but solid! Opening Bid $150

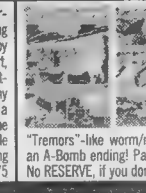


Lot #93 Suspense #12 (Continental) Final ish big-time rare Gerber 8!! Classic hanging cover by L.B. Cole! This copy shows light-mod. wear on spine, 3/16" staple tears, slightly rounded corners, faint 1 1/2" crease,, OWL 7.5 supple pages and a clean, bright cover with deep color strike! And, this VG/VG+ has NO RESERVE! Opening Bid $190

Lot #94 The Thing #15 Awesome Ditko cover / interior art on this 1954 Charlton beauty! Stamped arrival date, penned name on cover in masthead, light spine wear, faint 2 1/4" crease bottom left, lightly tanned OWL 7.5 pages. Solid VG! Opening Bid $40

Lot #95 The Thing #16 Vile zombie / graveyard cover by Ditko! Tight spine has only a few stress lines, some light rust on staples (very minor), ultra-slight rub at top right corner. Supple OWL 7.5-8.0 pages! Book looks VF/NM, but we're downgrading it to super-conservative F/VF! Opening Bid $75

Lot #96 3D The House of Terror This hideous, bone rattling mag of 1953 is highlighted by some great Baker/Kamen art, and the 3D glasses are attached! Only defects: a few tiny 1/8" spine stress marks, and a 1/8" color scrape at the tip of the lower right corner. Pages supple OWL 7.5-8.0! A gut-wrenching VF!! Opening Bid $75



Lot #97 Weird Tales of the Future Original Art (4 page story) Although we have not been able to figure out the artist, this 4 page complete story (2nd story of issue #5) will flip you out! Wild "The Worm Turns!" featuring army troops battling some kind of "Tremors"-like worm/monster! Lots of great pencils/action! Even an A-Bomb ending! Pages with some edge tears, light stains. With No RESERVE, if you don't buy it, I will! Opening Bid $400

CLASSIC PRE-SILVER AND SILVER AGE COMICS

Lot #98 Action #252 1st Supergirl! Clean copy has light/mod spine wear, stress markings, staple stress, 3/4" crease top right corner, very light edge wear, OWL 7 pages and a terrific cover with extremely deep color! Very cute VG+. Opening Bid $85

Lot #99 Amazing Adventures / Adult Fantasy Group Lot (1961) From the title that eventually gave us Spidey, these pre-hero Kirby monster mags just can't be beat! Great little lot features issues: #1- water damage, heavy wear, FAIR #2- light surface wear, great colors, VG+. #4-nice spine, light wear, corner creases, super colors, VG+. #7 stains/back cover, small color scrape, G+/VG #12-worn, piece rep. (amateur) bottom edge, foxing, FAIR Opening Bid $125

Lot #100 Amazing Spider-Man #1 The Undisputed KING of Marvel keys! Old web-head blasts off with his own title, with Ditko at the helm! This copy has moderate wear on spine, with some light abrading, and small 1/4" tears at bottom staple. 3/8" tear right edge, couple teeny 1/16" chips, 3/8" crease bottom right corner, and general light wear on cover. Pages creamy and very supple. Bright, vivid cover colors! This G+/VG is quite collectible, affordable, and totally unrestored! Opening Bid $500

Lot #101 Amazing Spider-Man #2-7, 10-20 WOW! If you want to grab a bunch of early Ditko/web-head classics, here's your chance! #2-3 VG/VG-, #4 VG, #5 looks FINE+, but color scrape so VG/VG+, #6 VG/FN, #7 VG/VG+, #10 FINE, #11 VG/FN, #12 FINE-, #13 FINE+, #14 1st Green Goblin G/VG-, #15 VG, #16 FN+, #17 FN+, #18 F/VF, #19 VF/NM, #20VF/NM!! All books sport off-white, fresh paper! Opening Bid $1600

Lot #102 Amazing Spider-Man #2-49 Group Lot Awesome! While not quite as high grade as the previous lot, these classics will get your motor running! Highlights: #2 VG, #3 G, #4 VG+, #5 VG, #6 VG, #8 VG-, #9 VF-, #10 VG/FN, #11 FINE, #13 FINE (clr tch), #15-17 VG, #18-19 VF, #20-49 avg. VG. All books very solid with supple pages! Issues missing: #7, 12, 14, 23, 29 (NB). Opening Bid $1400

Lot #103 Amazing Spider-Man #10 1st app Big Man & the Enforcers! Tight spine with minimal wear/stress. Slight rounding of corners, with 1/16" chip off at tip of lower right corner, few nicks and stress along top edge. Ultra faint (almost invisible) faded pencil marking on cover. Very strong cover colors and supple OWL 7.5 pages Plus, NO RESERVE on this VG! Opening Bid $65

Lot #104 Amazing Spider-Man #15 Stunning copy of 1st Kraven!! Spine tight as hell, with just a few stress marks. 1/8" impact/bindery nick bottom of spine, 5/16" faint crease lower right corner does not break color. White OWL 9 pages and extremely bright cover color strike If not for crease, would grade VF+, so F/VF! Opening Bid $95

Lot #105 Amazing Spider-Man #33 & 37 Sensational high grade copies of mega-classic Ditko covers! #33. Spine has just a few stress marks, light wear along bottom edge and very tips of top/bottom right corners. OWL 8 pages and splendid cover!! Don't miss out on this VF+! #37- Wild Ditko Robot cover! Very slight spine wear, and just a whisker of wear at corners. No chips, breath-taking cover (like new!) and snow-white OWL 9 pages! A smashing VF+! With NO RESERVE, you ain't bidding yet?? Opening Bid ... $115

Lot #106 Amazing Spider-Man Annuals #1, 4 & 5 Always jam-packed with action, Spidey annuals have some of the most classic stories! #1 Origin retold & intro The Sinister Six! Two corner creases at bottom right, some spine abrading at bottom 1/2", very slight discoloration to white background, nice pages and grades FINE. #4 with classic Spidey-Torch battle, slight mis-cut only defect! Stunning NM! #5 with just a thin 1/16" crease bottom right corner. Spiffy NM-! Opening Bid $120

Lot #107 Aquaman #1 Luscious copy of key 1st issue! Spine shows just a bit of wear/stress marks and is quite tight. Slight wear at outer corners, pencilled "R" in masthead (1/4" diam). Cover otherwise like-new! With NO RESERVE, you'd better get on this F/VF! Opening Bid $120

Lot #108 Avengers #1 Avengers Assemble! Book has some restoration to edges (chips filled, color touched) and bottom right corner (color touch) as well as spine (filler, color touch). Small stamped arrival date. Cleaned and pressed. Grades apparent VG/FN. Opening Bid $100

Lot #109 Brave & Bold #1 Very scarce 1st issue of huge DC run that spawned loads of Silver-keys! Copy has moderate-heavy spine wear, abrading, small splits, supple cream colored pages, stress at edge overhang, nice cover and grades G/VG, but looks nicer! Opening Bid ...$125

Lot #110 Daredevil #1 "The Man Without Fear" bursts on the scene with his classic 1st issue! Book has light to moderate spine wear, rust on staples, stress wear along top edge with tiny tears, color flaking, couple stress marks bottom edge. Very strong color and reflectivity, nice pages! VG+. Opening Bid $150

Lot #111 Eighty Page Giant #8 Hot "Secret Origins" issue! Premo high grade copy! Only the slightest wear on the squarebound spine, and a bit of ink transfer from the interior of the cover holds this book from NM! Fresh OWL 8 pages, teeny stress mark right edge A seductive VF/NM! Opening Bid $150

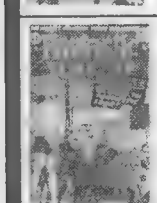
Lot #112 Fantastic Four #1 The age of Marvel Silver begins HERE! Historic 1st ish with King Kirby at the helm! Book has spine wear, 1/2" by 1/4" lower right corner tip missing, few small stains top edge, color fade to cover. supple OWL 7.5 pages. Grades G/VG- Opening Bid $400

Lot #113 Fantastic Four #2 1st app Skrulls! Classic Kirby!! Lower grade copy has fairly tight spine with light wear and abrading, staple stress, faint book length vertical crease, heavy chipping along right edge, 3 1/2" crease top right corner, OWL 7.5-8.0 supple paper and decent cover! G+ +. Opening Bid $150

Lot #114 Fantastic Four #3 FF get costumes! 1st app. Fantasti-car! Kirby draws Torch with 2 left hands! Enough hype? This copy has nice, tight spine with just some light stress marks and wear, faint & thin 1" crease lower right corner, light edge stress/nicks, stain in 12 cent logo area Clean cover with good colors. Pages OWL supple OWL 7.5, grades VG, but looks better! Opening Bid $175

Lot #115 Fantastic Four #4 Another huge Marvel key! 1st Silver age Sub-Mariner! Book looks FINE, but has small 3/4" stain on spine area, few tiny Marvel nicks/1/16" chips, Marvel "cracks", faded stamped arrival date, very deep color strike, cover very impressive! VG/FN. Opening Bid $200

Lot #116 Fantastic Four #5 Could be one of Marvel's best key books! 1st app. of Doc. Doom! Spine has light-moderate wear, slight discoloration to cover, bottom right corner tip rounded, staples with light stress, no chips or creases! Pages OWL 7.5 and supple! VG+. Opening Bid ...$200

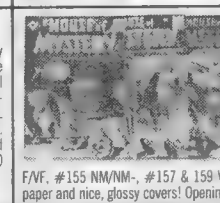


Lot #117 Fantastic Four #9 First-class Kirby Sub-Mariner cover! Nice, tight spine, some light wear at bottom and right edge, some wear at lower right corner tip, few nicks along right edge, pencilled "R" (1/4" diam), dull cover colors and loads of gloss! Amazingly, NO RESERVE on this F/VF! Opening Bid $135

Lot #118 Fantastic Four Annuals #2, #4-6 Annual #2 has to be one of the best annuals ever, featuring Dr. Doom origin, and Kirby blazes! Thin, 3" lower right corner crease, light general wear Grades FINE issues #4-6 are all high grade copies, averaging VF/NM!! #4 features G A Torch vs Johnny Storm! #6 classic Negative Zone/Birth of Franklin Richards story! Opening Bid $50

Lot #119 Flash #105 Scarlet Speedster's 1st ish of Silver age era, this major DC key has very heavy spine wear, cover is barely attached (top staple), 1" by 1/2" piece missing bottom left corner, 1/2" by 1/4" chip out at top edge, book length sub crease and several other creases, OWL 7.5 pages, back cover shows very heavy wear. A beat but complete FAIR/GOOD-. Opening Bid ... $75

Lot #120 Green Lantern #1 More key DC silver! This 1st issue has moderate spine wear, stress, light abrading, arrival date marking, 1/4" crease lower right corner, wrinkle along right edge, decent OWL 7.5 pages and nice cover appearance. Looks VG, but we'll say G/VG. Opening Bid $100



Lot #121 House of Mystery Group Lot (A) This is the first of several high grade cherry group lots of this long-running DC Horror/Sci-Fi run!' Lot features #139 VF, #151 VF/NM, #152 NM-, #153, NM-, #154 F/VF, #155 NM/NM-, #157 & 159 VF/NM. All books with off white paper and nice, glossy covers! Opening Bid $175

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Lot #122 House of Mystery Group Lot (B) Lot includes· #60 F/VF, #85 FN, #89 F/VF, #108 FN+, #113 FN+, #115 FN, #120 FN, #138 FN, #156 FN, #162 FN, #163 FN+, #165 F/VF, #171 FN. All books with great eye appeal and attractive covers! Opening Bid $95

Lot #123 House of Mystery Group Lot (C) High octane grouping featuring: #167 VF/NM, #168 VF+, #169 VF/NM, #170 VF-, #172 NM, #173 NM. Investment grade books for the serious collector/investor! Off white pages, natch! Opening Bid $130

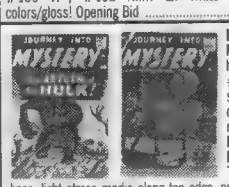
Lot #124 House of Mystery Group Lot (D) Our final lot from this collection, these high grade copies are sure to please! Lot consists of: #110 VF/NM, #121 VF, #123 VF, #124 VF+, #128 NM, #130 VF-, #132 NM!! off white pages, maximum cover colors/gloss! Opening Bid $90

Lot #125 Incredible Hulk #1 Blockbuster 1st issue of one of Marvel's most popular titles!! Book has 1" piece of tape neatly placed at top of spine, some light spine wear, flecks, stress marks, a very faint ¾" crease at lower right corner, minor edge stress, nice OWL 8 pages, great gloss on cover! Appealing VG/FN!! Opening Bid ..$500

Lot #126 Incredible Hulk #3 Ultra-High grade copy featurnng 1st app. of Ringmaster and good ol' Hercules! Very tight spine has only 8-10 teeny stress marks. Small stress mark middle of top edge. otherwise virtually no other defects!! Fresh OWL 8 pages, stunning cover condition and colors! Bid with confidence on this VF/NM!! Opening Bid $500

Lot #127 Incredible Hulk #5 Super-sweet higher grade copy has very light spine stress, mostly around staple area, just a touch of wear along right edge, ½" tear back cover, pencilled "R" in logo area front cover. Sizzling cover colors, lush off white OWL 8.5 pages! Best of all, NO RESERVE on this fiery F/VF! Opening Bid $160

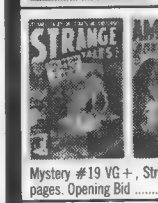
Lot #128 Incredible Hulk #6 High grade gem, and all-Ditko art to boot! Tight spine with 10 tiny stress marks, small ink drawn thin line (¼") at bottom edge. Cover truly beautiful, news-stand like appearance! Pages soft OWL 8!! Grab this VF- while you can!! Opening Bid $400



Lot #129 Journey into Mystery #46 & 66 Two high grade pre-hero jewels!! #46 has only 1/16" color scrape/spine, few "marvel cracks/pre-chipping" along right edge, OWL 8.0 pages Pretty VF! #66 awesome Kirby/Ayers Hulk prototype! Tight spine, just a few stress lines, light stress marks along top edge, printer's crease, OWL 7.5-8.0 pages Rock-solid F/VF!! Opening Bid $100

Lot #130 Journey Into Mystery Pre-Hero Group Lot (10 books) Spectacular assortment of old Atlas gems! Lot features· #2- light general wear, pencilled name in logo, VG. #10- spine wear, creases, VG- #35- edge chips, spine wear, G/G+ #60- rounded corners, creases, G/VG.* #64-sub crease, spine wear, G/VG #70-gorgeous copy of Sandman prototype! Few spine stress marks, light stress marks on right edge, awesome colors/gloss, VF+. #71 G/VG, #74 VG+, #75 VG, #75 VG+. Opening Bid $275

Lot #131 Justice League of America #1 DC's most popular group launches it's own title with this 1960 key!! Moderate spine wear with light abrading, staple stress, 3" crease lower right corner, few chips along right edge, pages OWL 7 5-8.0 and supple Grades VG- Opening Bid $145



Lot #132 Marvel Pre-Hero Misc. Lot 3 great Marvel titles featuring King Kirby at his finest! Lot includes: Amazing Adventures #3 VG, Journey into Mystery #19 VG+, Strange Tales #5 VG-. All books sport supple pages. Opening Bid $125

Lot #133 Our Army at War #91 Killer all-Sgt Rock issue, with our hero constantly popping off Nazi scum! Investment-grade copy has extremely light spine wear, only a few spine stress marks, tiny 1/16" spine roll, very slight rounding of lower right corner. OWL 7.5 paper, like-new cover/colors! TEN-HUT for this VF!! Opening Bid $140

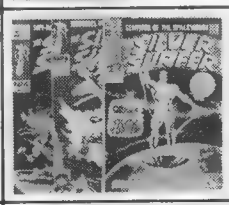
Lot #134 Showcase #9 Very scarce Lois Lane issue (pre-dates Lois Lane #1), this book remains very much in demand! Low grade copy with heavy spine wear, abrading, some color loss, rusty staples, many creases, ½" tear, decent OWL 7 5 paper. A very modest reserve on this GOOD/GOOD- Opening Bid $170

Lot #135 Showcase #15 Exquisite copy of 1st Space Rangers! Very light spine wear with 10 teeny stress lines, light wear along top edge overhang (color flaking/small nicks). That's it! Bold/vivid cover colors, loads of gloss! OWL 7.0-7.5 paper decent Butt-kicking VF!! Opening Bid $275

Lot #136 Showcase #22 1st S.A. appearance of Green Lantern! Decent mid-grade copy has spine wear, edge stress, 3/16" lower right corner crease Couple of thin, light stress marks on cover. Pages quite decent OWL 7.5. A good ol' VG! Opening Bid $275

Lot #137 Showcase #24, 34-36 Neat 4 book lot with: #24- 3rd S.A Green Lantern app., 3" by ¾" piece missing lower right corner, spine wear, creases, FAIR #34 1st S.A. Atom Light-mod. wear/spine, corner creases, solid VG/VG-. #35- water damage on spine, otherwise VG+, so we'll call it FAIR. #36-light overall wear, your basic VG Opening Bid $150

Lot #138 Showcase #24 If you need a better copy than the one in our previous lot, here 'tis! Moderate wear on spine with book length reading crease, 1" crease/wrinkle at right edge, some creasing/foxing at lower right corner. Pages lightly tanned and cover shows quite well. NO RESERVE on this VG-! Opening Bid $75

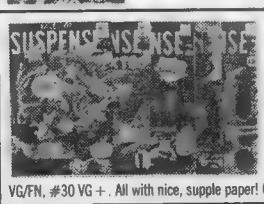


Lot #139 Silver Surfer 1-18 Set The Sentinel of the Spaceways!! The whole dang 1st series run! #1 F/VF, #2-3 VG/F, #4 VF, #5 VF/NM, #6 FN-, #7-9 VF, #10 FN+, #11 VG/FN, #12 FN-, 13-18 VF. Opening Bid $300

Lot #140 Strange Tales Pre-Hero Group Lot (6 books) Classic Kirby / Ditko art loaded in these books! Lot includes· #70-cool Sphinx cover, Giant-Man prototype, spine wear, light crease, grades VG-. #78-Ant-man prototype, light spine wear/stress markings, tight book, great colors, FINE+. #91-FAIR+, #92 VG-, #96 VG+, #98 VG+. Opening Bid $95

Lot #141 Strange Tales #101 & #110 101 1st ish of Torch series, plus a recap of FF origin! Light spine wear, barely detectable long 4 ¼" crease. Nice, flat copy with decent cover appearance! Grades VG+. #110 1st Doc Strange! Ditko!! Heavy spine wear, abrading, 2 ½" crease bottom right corner, few small edge tears Still, book has fairly bright cover and off-white pages! Grades GOOD+. Opening Bid $120

Lot #142 Tales Of Suspense Pre-Hero Group Lot #1 23 books of tantalizing treats from King Kirby & Dashing Ditko! Lot consists of: #2 G+ (classic Ditko cover!), #4 VG-, #6 VG-, #9 G/VG, #10 VG, #10 G, #13 G/VG, #13 G, #18 VG, #19 VG/VG+, #22 VG-, #25 VG-, #28 VG/FN, #30 G-, #34 G/VG (2 copies), #34 VG, #35 VG/VG+, #35 VG+ (Watcher prototype!), #36 VG+, #37 G, #38 VG-, and for good measure we've thrown in a silver age copy of #66 VF/NM! Opening Bid $275

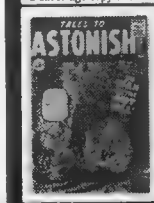


Lot #143 Tales Of Suspense Pre-Hero Group Lot #2 Kirby monster mags continue to be hot as hell! Nice grouping with #6 VG, #13 VG, #17 VG, #19 G/VG-, #23 VG/FN, #26 VG/FN, #30 VG+. All with nice, supple paper! Opening Bid $130

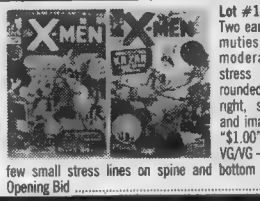
Lot #144 Tales of Suspense #40, 41 & 58 Vintage Shellhead! #40 2nd app. of Iron Man, has 4 tiny punctures thru cover and most pages, otherwise would grade VF! We'll call it VG+. #41 has 2 punctures thru cover and "only a few pages", tiny ¼" bottom right corner tip missing. Some light spine wear, super cover colors! Grade VG/VG- #58 light rust on staples, tiny Marvel chip right edge, stamped arrival date. Grade FN+ +. Opening Bid $150

Lot #145 Tales of Suspense #40 This 2nd app ish of Shellhead has to be one of the best deals of the auction! Tight spine, pencilled initial "R" front cover (3/16" diam.), few Marvel chips along right/bottom edges, fresh OWL 8 pages and super-pretty cover! If not for chips would grade VF, so FINE+ with NO RESERVE!! Opening Bid $75

Lot #146 Tales To Astonish Pre-Hero Group Lot (13 books) You want a great deal? You've got it! This wild lot even includes ish #27, first Ant-Man! Here's the scoop· #8- classic mummy cover, awesome gloss/colors, F/VF, #11 VG+, #13 VG/VG+, #14 VG, #18 VG, #19 G/VG, #19 G/G+, #21 VG, #22 VG-, #22 pretty FINE/FINE+, #27 gen wear, corner creases, VG. #30 VG/VG-, #30 nice VG/FN, #36 3rd Ant-Man app., G+. Opening Bid $300



Lot #147 Tales To Astonish #27 Well known as the origin & 1st app. of Ant-Man, this book actually pre-dates Spidey #1!! Spine has moderate wear (½" split at bottom, stress marks, light abrading & staple wear) ¼" chip out top edge, some edge stress, color flecks Nice OWL 8 paper and good cover eye appeal! Grade VG/VG+. Opening Bid $225



Lot #148 X-Men #2 & 10 Two early classics from the muties! #2 has light-moderate spine wear, stress lines, color flecks, rounded corner at bottom right, strong cover colors and images! Small marking "$1.00" on cover. Grades VG/VG+. #10 with just a few small stress lines on spine and bottom edge. A pretty VF!! Opening Bid $200

Lot #149 X-Men #94 The New X-Men take over the run!! If you want a high grade copy, look no futher! Only nit-picky defects: 1/16" stress mark at lower staple area, 3/16" stress mark top right corner, ½" printers mark along right edge. Brand new, never been read. A no brainer NM!! Opening Bid $200

Lot #150 X-Men #94-120 & G.S. X-Men #1 Why not just get the whole damned bunch in 1 shot! Awesome lot features· #94 VF- (slight color fade), #95-120 average VF/NM, #115 VF-, #99 VF+. Missing 106 & 107. Giant Size X-Men #1 high grade investment copy Couple printer's nicks along bottom edge (from being stacked in bundle), few 1/16" transverse spine stress marks. Drop dead NM-! These books continue to be red-hot! Opening Bid $500

Lot #151 Giant Size X-Men #1 What Bellmore auction would be complete without this monster key!! Marvel Universe takes a major new direction with the first appearance of the New X-Men!! Only defects. almost invisible 3/16" stress mark top right corner, just a whisper of wear on spine and right edge (we're being really picky here!!). Bone-white pages, not much else to say about this drop dead NM!! Opening Bid $200

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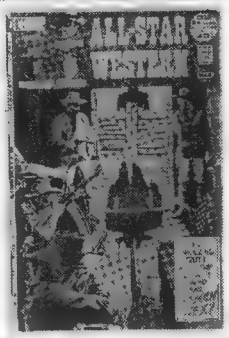


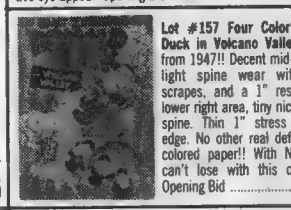
Lot #152 All Star Western #10 Wild West action, this mag features 1st Jonah Hex! Teeny 3/16" crease and very light edge stress. This VF/NM is a knock-out! Opening Bid $90

Lot #153 Adventures Of Captain Atom #1-6 Tough to find mini-sized mag, and a near-run to boot! #1 FINE, #2 FINE-, #3 VG-, #4-6 FINE. All Books with fresh, off white pages, and attractive eye appeal! Opening Bid $50

Lot #154 Brick Bradford #6 A. Schomburg robot/good girl cover! Low grade copy with spine wear, staple stress/tears, chip out bottom/spine, several long creases, color scrape, OWL 7 pages Grades G/G+. Opening Bid $50

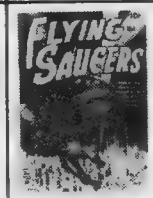
Lot #155 Captain Midnight #3 Fawcett 1942 book featuring great radio/movie star Captain Midnite! Nice spine with very light wear, tiny 3/16" stain bottom edge, 1/16" crease top right corner, teeny nick lower right corner, fresh OWL 8 paper and bright cover colors! Hard to detect sub crease does not break color. Grades VG+. Opening Bid $85

Lot #156 Fantastic Four #5 Not quite as nice as the other copy in our auction, this copy nonetheless stands on it's own! 1st Doc. Doom, spine has mod. wear, some abrading, ¼" corner crease, ¼" pencilled "R" top of cover. A no questions asked VG! Opening Bid $175



Lot #157 Four Color #147 Donald Duck in Volcano Valley Barks classic from 1947!! Decent mid-grade copy with light spine wear with some color scrapes, and a 1" residue stain near lower right area, tiny nicks top/bottom of spine. Thin 1" stress mark near top edge. No other real defects!Nice cream colored paper!! With NO RESERVE, ya can't lose with this conservative VG! Opening Bid $75

Lot #158 Andy Griffith Four Color #1341 Besides being my all-time favorite TV series, these Andy 4 Colors are still white-hot! I can't hang onto 'em! #1341 much scarcer than #1252. This copy with mod. spine wear, creases, name on cover in pen, creamy pages and grades VG-. Opening Bid $50



Lot #159 Flying Saucers #1 Wild Fawcette alien invasion cover, this 1950 classic also boasts over 20 pages of Wood interior art! Light spine wear, stress lines, staple wear, small piece missing back cover. Front cover flat with no real discernable creases. Pages OWL 7 with no brittleness. Looks FINE, but will call it VG/FN. Opening Bid $75

Lot #160 Green Lama #7 Always popular Xmas theme cover! Nicks and stress marks/wrinkle at bottom edge, light stress mark top of spine. Nice pages, cover looks new! If not for defects would grade VF/NM, but no one will argue VG/FN! Opening Bid $40

Lot #161 Misc. Lot Of Golden Age Comics Diverse assortment of gold nuggets! Lot features: Military #20- looks VF but cover barely attached, ¼" sun shadow top ½ of right edge, OWL 7 paper. VG-. Wings Comics #60-high grade! Ultra-light spine wear, 1/16" bindery nick bottom/spine, the slightest of wear at corners/edges, OWL 8 pages! Nice VF! Opening Bid $80

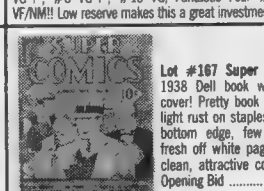
Lot #162 Misc. Lot of Silver Age Comics Check out this lot! Loads of mini-keys, high grade investment copies, you name it! Lot features· Action #267 G, Detective #236 G-, #246 G, #267 G-, Adventure #260 G+, #311 G+, Atom #7 VG+, Batman #148 VG-, #155 VG-, Blackhawk #63 G/G+, Black Knight #2 G+, Conag #15 NM, Crime Must Lose #5 FA/G, Daredevil #4 VF-, #7 VG+, #8 VG+, #13 VG, Fantastic Four #24 VF, Flash #180 VF/NM!! Low reserve makes this a great investment! Opening Bid ..$200

Lot #163 Misc. Lot of Silver Age Comics Incredible assortment of keys and high grade stuff from the 60's! Lot features: Green Lantern #25VG+, #33 VG+ (2), #35 VG+, #37 VG/FN, #39 VG/FN (2), #59 VG (Guy Gardner!), Hulk #5 G/VG (tape), Iron Man/Subby #1 VF/NM, Iron Man #1 VG (tape), Journey into Mystery #84 G, Justice #49 FA/G, JLA #33 (1st series) VF, Marvel Tales #1 (1964) VF, #2 F/VF. All books solid with good-excellent page quality! Opening Bid $200

Lot #164 Popular #18 & 19 2 oldies from the '30's with Dick Tracy and gang! Both books with spine wear, corner creases, "HG" stamp on cover, supple OWL 7.5 pages & both grade solid VG's, and NO RESERVE! Opening Bid $135

Lot #165 Shadow Comics Vol 8 #6 Shadow looks for· "Secret of Valhalla Hall"!! High grade, just a few tiny spine stress lines, pencilled marking/cover, OWL 7.5 pages. F/VF! Opening Bid $75

Lot #166 Showcase #22 1st Silver-age Green Lantern! This copy not quite as nice as other copy in our auction, but still a keeper! Tape-stain top of spine, color scrape, small-¼" chip off at bottom/spine, tiny hole in middle of cover, OWL 7.0 paper. G+/VG. Opening Bid $200



Lot #167 Super Comics #4 Scarce 1938 Dell book with cool Dick Tracy cover! Pretty book has very tight spine, light rust on staples, tiny ¾" stain near bottom edge, few spine stress lines, fresh off white pages and an extremely clean, attractive cover. A foxy FINE+! Opening Bid $90

Lot #168 Tales to Astonish #27 1st Ant-Man! Low grade reading copy with lots of tape (cover retaped to interior pages), corner creases, heavy spine wear, decent OWL 7.5 paper and a complete copy with decent cover! Grades GOOD-. Opening Bid $125

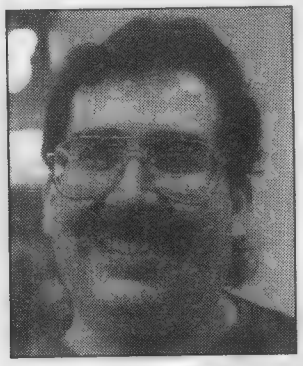
Lot #169 Terry And The Pirates #6 (1st series) Large Feature Book from 1st series, these over-sized mags very tough to find! This copy has decent spine, color flaking/scrapes along bottom edge, OWL 8 paper and grades VG+! Opening Bid $75

Lot #170 Zoot #16 Always sexy Kamen cover with Rulah! Spine has moderate-heavy wear, light abrading, wear/stress/tiny tears at staple area, few creases at bottom right corner, light smudging/stains at top right corner, small ¼" spine roll, OWL 7.5 pages. Cover still quite attractive! Grades VG. Opening Bid $40

Collection suggestions A-D

"I always wanted to be a super-hero, like a Batman, Superman. Meteorite Man — that's pretty cool. You gotta go for it, because if you're going to sit around watching TV, that's all you're going to know, brother."

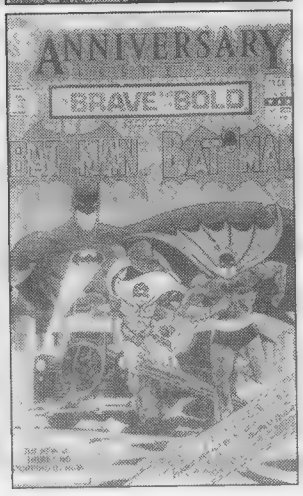
***— Bob "Meteorite Man" Haag**, who has amassed what is possibly the world's largest private collection of space rocks and built a fortune finding and selling meteorites to others.*



If I come off as more than a bit passionate about collecting classic works of comic art in hardcover and trade paperback, it's because I believe such volumes are terribly important to the comics industry. They have the potential to reach markets beyond the friendly neighborhood comics-shop crowd and, in achieving that, the potential to attract new readers to the art form.

That the general reading public can be receptive to comics is more than just a fantasy. In the above quote, look at the casual use of names and terms like "Batman" and "super-hero," each born of comic books. Look also at the advice given therein by wealthy "Meteorite Man" Haag to reach beyond the commonplace. It's not a big stretch to apply that to comics collections, as well — and to consider the many different and wonderful comics collections that could be created from the industry's archives.

"The 'B' list front-runners included: ... *The Brave and the Bold* team-ups ..."



All of which brings us neatly back to the discussion we were having in last week's column: What collections would you, our learned and valued *Tony's Tips* readers, like to see produced by DC, Marvel, and their fellow publishers?

When tabulating your "votes," I did so alphabetically. The leaders in the "A" list were: *Airboy à la* Eclipse, though I would love to see a nice collection of the Golden Age stories, as well; *Amazing Adult Fantasy* by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, which I think would do better with a title that better reflected the nature of those "surprise ending" tales; *Ant-Man*; and, from the Silver Age of Comics, *Aquaman*.

Digression: I could see a publisher like Scholastic doing well with an anthology series of the Lee-Ditko five-pagers. The stories still have a wholesome kick to them; they might appeal to kids and parents who find *Goosebumps* a little too horrifying for their tastes.

Several readers suggested coffee-table art books of one kind or another. Mitchell Rentzler suggested:

A coffee-table book reprinting in large size some of DC's great come-on covers. Remember the one where the Flash is pleading with the reader for his life? The impossible wedding covers? Heroes fighting themselves? Heroes suddenly powerless while their friend had the powers or were — choke! — dead? Those covers still get me today.

Bob Warner suggested *Brian Bolland: The Complete Covers, Neal Adams: The Complete Covers, Alex Schomburg: The Complete Covers, The Complete Marvel Magazine Cover Book* (from *Pussycat* to *Monsters Unleashed* and everything in between), and *The Complete Covers of **Famous Monsters of Filmland***. I'd need a bigger coffee-table, but I love all of Warner's ideas.

There were many requests for anthologies of various artists. If the *Tips* readers had their way, we'd soon be seeing collections devoted to the work of Murphy Anderson, Jim Aparo, John Buscema, Gene Colan, Jack Cole, Steve Ditko's pre-Code Charlton work, Bill Everett, Lou Fine, Gil Kane, Sheldon Moldoff, John Severin, Marie Severin, Jim Steranko, and the collaborations of Al Williamson and Frank Frazetta. I also logged several "votes" for collections of this or that character as drawn by this or that artist. I'll mention them, as we head down the alphabet.

The "B" list front-runners included: *Bat Lash, Black Panther* by Don McGregor, *Bob Hope* (as in DC's *The Adventures of ...*), *The Brave and the Bold* team-ups, and *The Boy Commandos* by Joe Simon and Jack Kirby. In fact, just to spare you the suspense, *every* feature Simon and Kirby did for DC in the 1940s received multiple votes.

One other "B" suggestion deserves mention here. Bob Warner came up with *The Best of the Back-Ups*, which would feature Golden and Silver Age tales of, to name a few, Johnny Quick, Green Arrow, Aquaman, Martian Manhunter, and Detective Chimp. Since the stories usually ran six, seven, or eight pages each, a publisher could fit a whole lot of variety in such a collection.

***Captain America* led the "C" list**, with his 1940s adventures and writer Steve Englehart's 1970s run being the most frequently requested stories. Other "votes" included: *Captain Action, Captain Mar-Vell, The Best of the Charlton Super-Heroes, Challengers of the Unknown, Conan* by Roy Thomas and Barry Smith (and Thomas and John Buscema), and collections of Christmas or holiday stories.

Concerning the last, I received a letter from Professor Jack Santino of Bowling Green State University. It made a great case for more holiday collections. He wrote:

I'd like to extend a belated but sincere "thank you" for your nice mention of my book *New Old-Fashioned Ways: Holidays and Popular Culture* last year. I am writing today in reference to your recent columns on Treasury collections we would like to see.

My suggestions are related to the subject of my above-mentioned book. I would love to see a *Greatest Christmas Stories Ever Told* volume from DC. There are several possibilities here: one volume could feature Batman stories exclusively, since there was a nice tradition of Batman Christmas stories in the 1940s (though stories could be taken from later decades, as well). A companion volume could feature Superman and other super-hero and adventure stories, while a third book could focus on humorous tales: Sugar and Spike, Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer, and so on. Or, a single volume could contain samplings of all of these. I believe a book such as this, nicely packaged, could be a big seller among non-comics readers.

Of course, other companies could do the same. Whoever owns the rights to Walt Kelly's *Christmas with Mother Goose* stories and *Santa Claus Funnies, Walt Scott's Christmas Stories*, and so many others could make attractive gift books, packaged as both appropriate for the season and as Americana.

I'd also like to see handsomely packaged collections of *The Greatest Holiday Stories Ever Told*, which might include a Christmas tale but also Halloween, New Year's, Valentine's Day, Easter, and so on. Again, many comic-book companies have a wealth of material here (Little Lulu, Bugs Bunny, Tom and Jerry, Woody Woodpecker, and Archie were all regularly featured in seasonal specials, and some still are). If any publishers out there are interested, I'd love to be involved in such a project, perhaps writing an introduction or doing editorial research. I have considered trying to locate materials that are in the public domain and interest a publisher in reprinting some of them.

I know Kitchen Sink reprinted Will Eisner's Christmas *Spirit* stories, but I'm not sure that these were effectively marketed outside comics fandom. I am convinced that, if DC put together the projects I have in mind, it would make for popular seasonal items among a mass audience. So it makes economic sense for them and would be delightful for us.

I'm a big fan of holiday stories myself and had a great time writing " 'Twas the Night before Kwanzaa," a Black Lightning tale, for the 1997 *DCU Holiday Bash*. I'd love to share collections such as Santino describes with my kids.

On the "D" list, the most-requested volumes included *Dalgoda* by Jan Strnad, *Daredevil* (Golden Age and Frank Miller), *Deadman, The Doom Patrol* (Silver Age), and *The Defenders* as written by Roy Thomas and Steve Englehart. The names of Thomas and Englehart kept coming up in this survey, leading me to believe today's editors and publishers might do well to solicit new stories from these fine writers. They have a lot of fans out there.

We'll pick up with the "E" tickets next week.

*Tony Isabella, "America's Most-Beloved Comic-Book Writer and Columnist," will make his first convention appearance of the new year at Florida's MegaCon '99, March 5-7, at the Orlando Expo Center. This will be The Tipster's first-ever visit to Florida, and he's looking forward to it. MegaCon's special guests include Will Eisner, J. Michael Straczynski, Boris Vallejo, Julie Bell, Alex Ross, Terry Brooks, and Neal Adams, just to name a handful of the many talents who will be on hand. The show also boasts some of the comics industry's top publishers and dealers, more than 100 gaming events, 24-hour anime rooms, network computer gaming, a Hong Kong action film festival, Hollywood movie previews, panel discussions, and publisher presentations. And, when you feel like taking a break from the really **big** fun, come by Tony's Artists Alley table and say, "Hi." He'd love to meet you.*

*In the meantime, send comments on and review items for this column to: Tony's Tips, P.O. Box 1502, Medina, OH 44256. Or you can e-mail Tony at: **tonyisa@ohio.net**.*

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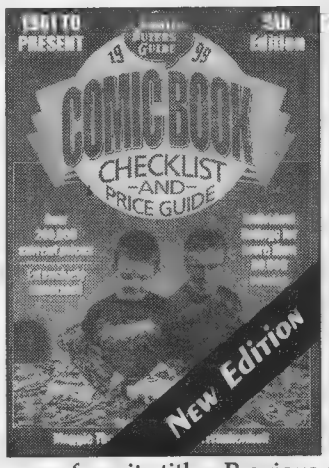

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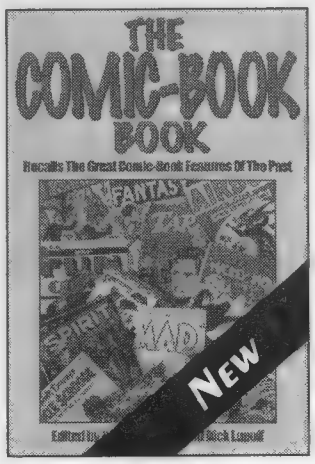

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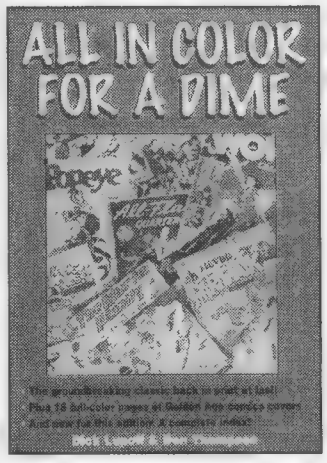

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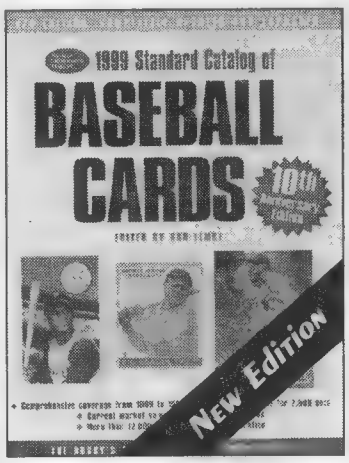

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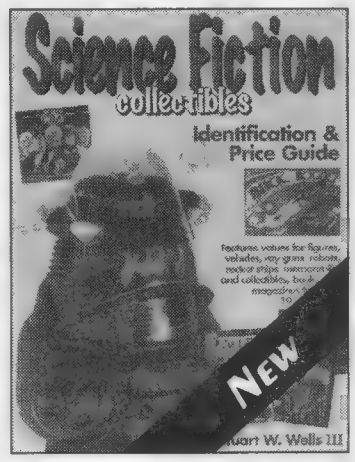

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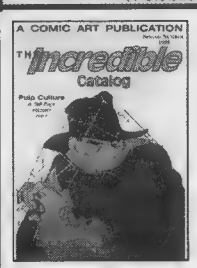

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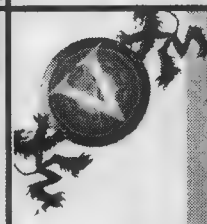

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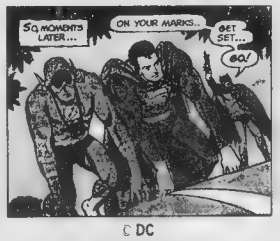

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Black Canary joins The JLA

Dear Mr. Silver Age:

A friend told me that Black Canary helped found The Justice League of America. I could have sworn she joined later than that. Am I misremembering?

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Mr. Silver Age says: Nope, Di, you're absolutely right — at least here on Earth-Silver: Dinah Drake Lance, a longtime member of Earth-2's Justice Society of America, joined Earth-1's JLA many issues after their founding. Although, technically, the Earth-2 Canary never really joined the JLA at all.

Her switch began with the annual team-up of the two groups in *JLA* #73 (Aug 69), a senses-shattering issue in many ways, including its being the first issue to cost the incredible sum of (sigh) 15¢.

It also marked the first appearance in these get-togethers of the Earth-2 Superman. He joined Dr. Mid-Nite, Dr. Fate, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Black Canary, and Larry Lance to battle Aquarius, a mad cosmic energy being.

Frankly, I'd put my money on the JSAers, considering that powerful line-up (although I gotta admit the judo-wielding Dinah seemed a little overmatched).

Even so, Aquarius defeated The JSA. Just before that happened, Dr. Fate sent a message to The Red Tornado, asking him to summon The JLA. They joined the fray in #74, which pitted JSA against JLA, including Superman against Superman. That's a fight you won't be seeing these days, that's for sure.

I won't tell you exactly what happened, but, at the end of the story, Black Canary decided to switch teams. "Come," Superman said, picking her up, "and welcome to Earth-1!„

What he *didn't* tell her was that this *wasn't* an invitation to join The JLA. At the beginning of #75, Green Arrow told us in flashback that Hawkman had scoffed at her judo powers as being a good reason to let her in. Batman agreed, while Superman and Atom backed her. She got a tad upset about them yammering about her while she stood there listening and yelled at them to pipe down.

As she did, a sonic force burst out of her pipes that bowled them all over.

"I was utterly, totally bewildered," she related, "unable to even guess what had happened."

Tests found that her brain had generated the sonic vibes and she had somehow become a mutant. Batman guessed that Aquarius had magically given her the powers when they had battled.

Nobody knew if that was right, but it was a good enough power to get her into The JLA. By the end of the issue, GA had lost his fortune, and he and Dinah were making goo-goo eyes at each other. That was a little odd, considering the supposed age difference between the two, but nobody brought that up.

At least, they didn't until much, much later, when we learned what

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Black Canary stopped the argument over whether she should be allowed to join The JLA by bowling over all the members with the first use of her sonic powers in ***JLA*** *#75 (Nov 69). Needless to say, they let her join, although hardly as a founding member.*

The Earth-2 Black Canary asked to join the Earth-1 Justice League in ***JLA*** *#74 (Sep 69), following their annual team-up with The JSA. Little did we know that this woman would never reach her destination.*

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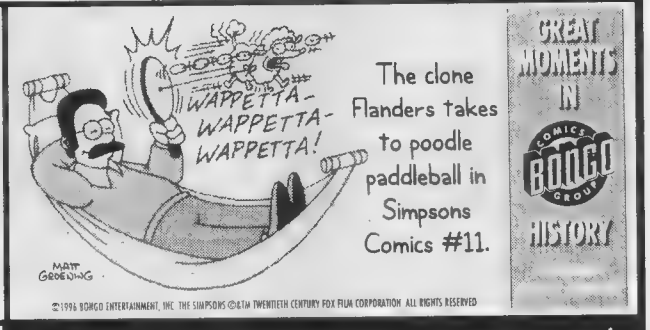

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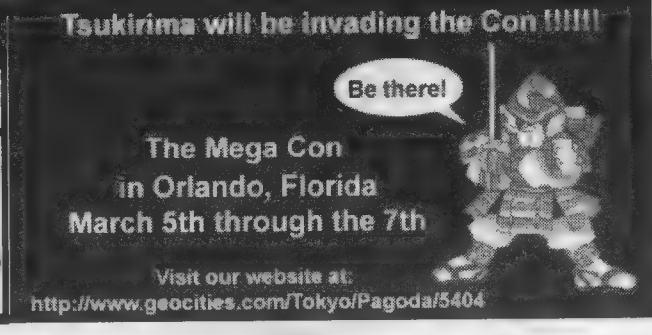

Black Canary learned she really was the daughter of the Earth-2 Dinah Lance in **JLA** *#220 (Nov 83). This retcon came courtesy of (who else?) writer Roy Thomas, who blamed the idea on Marv Wolfman. It did the job, assuming the job needed to be done 14 years later.*

CANARY

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had *really* happened to Dinah. Why Mr. Silver Age was reading a 1980s comic book and learned this can only be explained by the fact that he's always thought The JLA was cool (except for that Vibe-Gypsy period. 'Nuff said.)

In "The Doppelganger Gambit" in *JLA* #220 (Nov 83), we learned that The Black Canary who had made it to Earth-1 in #75 was actually the *daughter* of the one who had left with Superman in #74. Weirdly enough, the entire JSA knew about the switch, but they had never quite gotten around to telling her the real story.

See, Dinah and Larry had a daughter on Earth-2, and, in a scene right out of *Sleeping Beauty*, the villainous Wizard showed up and cast a spell on the baby.

It made her every burp cause an earthquake, *à la* Black Bolt.

Heartbroken when they realized they couldn't raise the child, the Drakes gave her to Johnny Thunder's Thunderbolt to take to his dimension, where she grew to be an exact twin of her mother, albeit comatose.

There she stayed, until Superman began carrying the Earth-2 Dinah to Earth-1 — remember the end of #74? But, as he reached the vibrational barrier, she doubled over in pain.

A quick X-ray check by Supes, which no doubt avoided learning the color of her undies, showed that she was so filled with Aquarius' cosmic energy that she was dying.

On learning this, she asked to visit her daughter in The T-bolt's dimension one last time before she died. Superman took her there, connecting with The T-bolt.

Having a sudden brainstorm, Superman asked The Thunderbolt if he could switch the Dinahs' brains, putting the Earth-2 Dinah's memories into her daughter's mutated body. The T-bolt did that — and then wiped away Dinah's memory of this stuff, including her knowledge that her daughter existed, for no apparent reason other than it made the retcon work.

So in a roundabout way, Aquarius really *was* responsible for Canary's powers, after all. The JSAers, who knew all about the daughter, never clued her in on what had happened, because they were living on another Earth and, well, it slipped their collective minds.

The result was that the babe palling around with the Emerald Archer was a super-powered cutie about his own age and not a judo fighter from the 1940s.

Pretty complicated, huh? Fortunately, thanks to "Zero Hour," there's a new Earth that I like to think of Earth-0, where things work much more smoothly. Well, except maybe for that Hawkman thing. Don't even ask.

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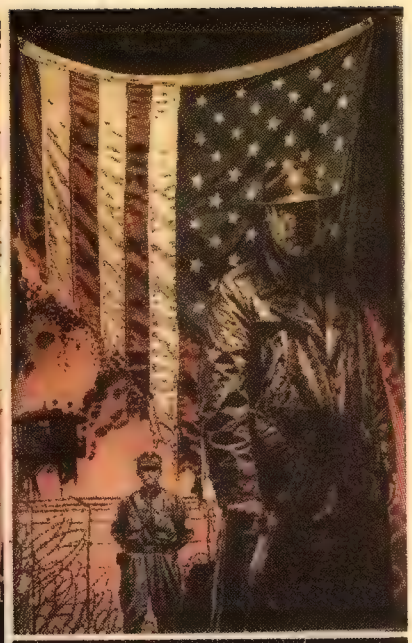
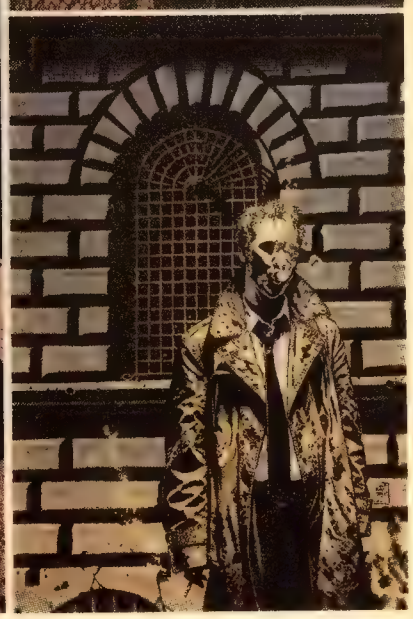




By Maggie Thompson

Michael Dean's article "The Black (and White) World of Tim Bradstreet" in ***CBG*** #1287 emphasized the darkness in artist Bradstreet's life.

At the opening of this issue's Jan. 21 phone interview, Bradstreet cautioned, laughing, "Michael and I didn't really talk *that* much about bad things.

"I'm a *happy* person. I think the article might have turned out that way because every artist has his horror stories, and that became the focus.

"Things are great and they've always been. As dark as my stuff is, I live vicariously through it. I get out all my aggression. It's therapy. Because, as bad as the comic-book industry has been hit, I've never had a problem getting work, because I'm a specialist. I bring a certain thing to the project. I'll always have a place to go and I love what I do. Each piece is a part of me. As it goes on, the work just gets better.

"Moreover, I'm at last getting to do projects I've always wanted to do — because at last I have the clout — and that's very exciting for me."

Giving advice

So how does an artist get clout? What advice can he provide to other industry professionals?

"Dedicate yourself to your craft (which makes up a lot of it). I look at so many people's portfolios. The people I give the time to are the ones who want *my* honest opinion. (I don't feel as connected at shows to people who come up who have already asked 100 other guys.) Let that excitement fuel you. But I talk to people and when I look at portfolios, I don't look at how good the portfolio is; I don't nitpick the art, because everyone has his own style.

"What's important is how hard they work: Are they dedicated? Do they *love* it?

"Work at it every day; you'll get better.

"Look at the stuff you did three months ago: If the stuff you do today is a lot better, you know you're on the right track.

"Never be satisfied. Most of the really great artists I know: They're never happy with the piece. You worshipped it from afar, but the artist says, 'I really goofed here.'

"You're only as good as your last piece.

"If I *do* have to rush through a job, it tells me to be twice as good on the next one."

Other tips? There's one many pros suggest: "Don't give up easily."

And there's one tip many would-be creators already suspect: "Find someone to know," Bradstreet said. "It's who you know a lot of times. As talented as some people are, sometimes it's someone you know. For me it was Tim Truman."

Setting goals

Bradstreet has come a long way but envisions a still longer trip.

"When I was young, I dreamt about being a comic-book artist. I reached my goal pretty young.

"I've been at that goal for almost 10 years and want to take it another step. I really want to do movies. Everyone says that — but everyone says they want to be an actor, too. I see it as a definite possibility, whether through doing it myself or catching the attention of someone who can help me do it.

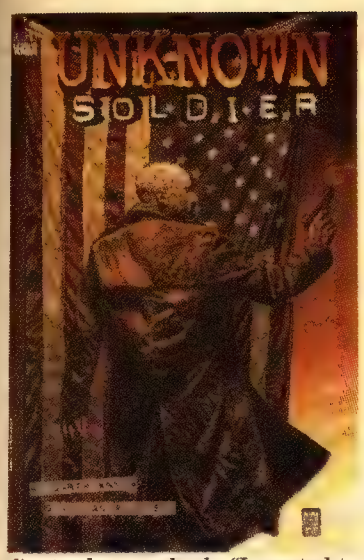
"If it doesn't happen right away, I would love to direct and conceive — but illustration is the core of it all. If I had to resign myself to being an illustrator the rest of my life, that'd be fine; I love illustrated books. It's a chance to create a body of art books: Wrightson's *Frankenstein*. Gary Gianni's *Solomon Kane*."

Designing covers

He praised one of his current editors, DC Vertigo Editor Axel Alonso. "Axel goes to bat for you; he listens to you. It's a collaborative relationship, and that really works for him, because I respect him. After we've discussed it, if he says it isn't going to work, I accept it. The only other guy I accepted was Archie Goodwin on Batman: He was right. Axel's the same way. If only he could write like Archie." Bradstreet laughed. "There isn't a guy in the business who's been there any length of time who doesn't have a pretty good Archie story."

Returning to the topic of working with Alonso, he continued, "I can't tell you the number of covers I've done that were initially rejected but which we eventually agreed on."

An example is the *Unknown Sol-*



dier trade paperback. "I wanted to show his back — so the reader couldn't see his face. The shot was iconic. Clint Eastwood often goes with the first take because it's the freshest. He's proved on the screen that it works. The first impression is usually going to be right 80% of the time.

"The key to cover design is to give the readers enough to get a foothold. I'm not really showing the action; I'm showing the moment *before* or the moment *after*. The magic to illustration is to give them enough to create the picture of what happened on their own. And make it personal. That's my credo."

Picking favorites

Out of all his work, he said his favorite comic-book work consists of the *Unknown Soldier* covers, his first job for Vertigo. "Joe Kubert is like a god to me. To retool his character: That's what I'd have picked to do. I put my heart and soul into that. The first issue is still one of my best pieces ever. It's simple but it's the character: the bulging eye, the gritted teeth, the chiaroscuro. It's really graphic; that's the thing.

"I'm trying to keep this going with *Hellblazer*. Alex said. 'You're going to have freedom.' And I think I *am* going to have freedom with this."

Hellblazer #1 was dated January 1988. "I was working in a comics shop when it first started coming out, and I never in my wildest dreams thought I'd be working on it someday. I'm not just some guy taking a job for granted. It's not a *job* to me; it's special."

Local support

"Bloomington, my own town, has embraced me," Bradstreet said. "Being an internationally known comic-book artist and living in my town is really nice, because, for example, I grew up down the street from our present mayor. I just did *Heart Throbs* #2 and needed police shots. I can call the mayor, and she'll listen. I can ask for a police cruiser and a guy to pose. I walked in and they were excited. It's *fun*. The steps I have to go through to do my work is labor-intensive. If you can just draw the stuff with no reference material, I have so much respect for you, but that's not the way *I* want to do it, this is the vision I have. And such other artists as Alex Raymond and Norman Rockwell have worked this way."

Making plans

Bradstreet said he loves illustrated books. "First and foremost," he said, "I'd like to work with a writer to create an original work. If I can't do that, I have no qualms about finding books I really love and doing illustrated editions."

He said that he felt he has the clout to do his own projects — and he has some in the works.

"People ask me when *Red Sky Diary* is coming. I started with really good intentions, but it's too big for me right now; I'm setting it aside for the moment." That project is a story taking at least four 48-page issues of an "epic-scale tale" of vampire hunting.

"My current plan is one I hope to take to Dark Horse: a book of 28 full-page drawings that are whatever I want to do. Then we'll get 28 writers to write whatever they want about a specific image — without describing what's happening. That's a complaint that a lot of writers have about illustrated books: Writer David J. Schow said, 'Every time I write a story to be illustrated, they draw exactly what I'm writing.' That's my problem in reverse. I want something completely off the wall.

"It started as my brainchild concerning a couple of my comics writer friends and then it expanded. Why *not* have Elmore Leonard write one? Harlan Ellison? Stephen King? Barry Pepper (who played Private Jackson in *Saving Private Ryan* and who *is* going to be in the book)? Tim Powers? I know a couple of writers who plugged me into these people.

"The fun thing is guys who write for comics, movies, actors, and artists offer a lot of different perspectives and styles. My name may not sell the book; maybe not half of the writers will know who I am. It's at the proposal stage, talking with Diana Schutz and Chris Warner at Dark Horse. If I can sell them and they can sell Mike Richardson, it's going to happen.

"I'd like to see it rolling along, happening in the next year."

And then — to market

"A question for people in our field is how to market an item like that: how to market it to comics people, how to market it outside our genre.

"Art Spiegelman's *Maus* is such a great thing for comics. It's given us credibility. It's up to our community as comic-book people to aspire to that kind of material. And *Fax from Sarajevo* by Joe Kubert — what a story! As horrible as it is, let's not forget that.

"I see no limits to what you can do, if you want to badly enough. And, if I had the chance to live through something like Joe did, I'd want to do that kind of project, too. I love comics. I'm fresh on comics. Comics is the art that can get people more involved with books.

"If this country gets to where there are no books any more, I'm movin'. I don't want *Fahrenheit 451*."

Finding the lost

When Michael Dean spoke with Bradstreet for ***CBG*** #1287, Bradstreet mentioned the time he worked with Clive Barker and P. Craig Russell for nearly a year on a 48-page adaptation of Barker's "Age of Desire" just before Eclipse folded.

Six months ago, the art had still not been found; now it has been recovered. "There's a good chance Vertigo will run it," Bradstreet said happily. "If Vertigo picks it up, I'm going to retool it. Time constraints at the time had made me rush it. I'd like to change some things for the story's sake."

Maximum thanks for 'Maximum Black'

"One thing I would like to acknowledge," Bradstreet said, "is Alderac Entertainment Group. My art book was going to happen with another publisher, but the deal fell through and Alderac liked my work.

"Zinzer, the head of Alderac said, 'You know what? I'd go to war to publish your art book.' They priced the project and said, 'Let's do it.' And now the mass-market version is coming up.

"We released *Maximum Black* into the comics and game industries at first. Now, we're hoping to get it into book stores. Thanks to Bud Plant and Amazon.com for taking that risk. Thanks to Grant Goleash, who colors and often doesn't get the credit.

"And, lastly, Matt Sturm who helped me design the book. Without him, it never would have happened. He is a genius; the book is good as it is because of Matt. I love graphic design and I had a ball figuring how it was all going to fit together under his discerning eye. I wouldn't want to do it for a living, because I want to draw."

The art used here comes from *Maximum Black* ($24.95, Alderac, 4045 Guasti Rd., Suite 212, Ontario, CA 91761) and from DC's *Unknown Soldier* mini-series and *Hellblazer* #136-139.

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64 VG+ 10 00
64 VF+ 35 00
65 VF/NM 40 00
66 VF+ 35 00
328 NM 5.00
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344 NM 8 00
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347 NM 5.00
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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL
1 G 50.00
2 F/VF 125 00
2 G 25 00
4 G- 8 00
14 F+ 5 00
16 NM- 6.00
20 NM 7.00
21 VF 7 00

AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS
16 NM 8.00

AMERICAN AIR FORCES
4 VG 15.00

AMERICA'S BEST TV COMICS
1 F+ 30.00

ANDY HARDY
6 NM 25.00
389 VF 25.00

ANDY PANDA
130 (FC) FR 5.00
198 (FC) FR/G 8.00
258 (FC) F- 18.00
280 (FC) VG+ 15.00
383 (FC) NM 28.00

ANGEL
11 NM 15.00

ANIMAL ANTICS
21 G 10 00
22 G- 8.00
24 G+ 12 00
28 VG 18.00
42 VG+ 20.00

ANIMAL COMICS
28 VG+ 16 00

ANIMAL MYSTIC
1 (1st) NM 45 00
2 (1st) NM 45 00

ANNETTE
1100 (FC) VG/F 55.00

ANNIE OAKLEY & TAGG
5 F 18 00
6 F- 18.00
14 VG- 10.00
15 VG- 10.00

ANTHRO
1 VG+ 10.00
1 NM 45.00
2 NM 28 00
3 VF/NM 20 00
4 VG 5.00
5 G/VG 4.00
6 F- 7.00

AQUAMAN
5 VG+ 32.00
6 G/VG 15.00
10 F/VF 40.00
11 VG/F 20 00
12 F/VF 40 00
13 F 24.00
14 VG/F 22.00
15 VF 50 00
16 F/VF 40.00
17 VG+ 20.00
18 F- 22 00
19 VG 16.00
20 VG 16 00
21 VG/F 12.00
23 VF 30 00
24 VG 10 00
26 VF 30 00
27 VG 10.00
29 F- 12 00
30 VF/NM 45 00
30 VF+ 40 00
31 VF/NM 45 00
31 VF 30 00
32 F/VF 25 00
39 F 10 00
41 F 6 00
42 F 5.00
46 VG+ 8.00
47 F 8.00
49 NM 20.00
50 NM- 40.00
50 NM- 40.00
51 VF 20 00
52 VF/NM 40.00
58 VF/NM 5 00

ARCHIE
28 FR 20 00

AVENGERS
145 NM 4 00
146 VF 3 00
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148 NM 4 00
149 VF 3 00
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AVENGERS ANNUAL
1 VF+ 40.00
1 F/VF 25.00
2 VG 5 00
3 F 10 00
4 NM 10.00
7 F/VF 8.00
8 NM 5 00

BARNEY GOOGLE
4 VG 20 00

BAT MASTERSON
5 F/VF 35.00

BATMAN
38 PR 30 00
38 VG 200.00
39 G 95.00
50 G 75 00
69 VG 115.00
70 G 50.00
83 PR/FR 20.00
87 G+ 60.00
89 G/VG 80 00
92 VG/F 125.00
96 G/VG 60.00
102 G+ 45.00
104 VG/F 80 00
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399 VF 3.00
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420 NM 5.00
431 NM 3 00
433 NM 3.00
434 NM 3 00

BOB HOPE
9 F/VF 195.00
11 F+ 100.00
15 VG 75.00
24 F+ 44.00
27 F+ 40.00
27 F/VF 50.00
29 F 40.00
107 VF 30.00

BOBBY BENSON'S B-BAR-B RIDERS
11 F/VF 115.00

BOMBA THE JUNGLE BOY
4 VF 7.00
5 VF 7.00
6 F 4.00

BONANZA
16 F/VF 30.00
20 VG- 10.00

BONE
1 (1st) NM 175.00
1 (2nd) NM 30 00
4 (1st) VF/NM 55.00
6 (1st) NM 45 00
7 (1st) NM 30.00
8 (1st) NM 30.00

BORIS KARLOFF THRILLER
1 F/VF 30 00
9 VG 5.00
11 F- 8.00
19 F+ 7.00
23 VF 9.00
26 F/VF 6 00
28 F 4.00
33 F+ 4.00
34 F+ 4.00

BOY
49 G/VG 20 00

BOY COMMANDOS
2 F+ 3.00

BOZO (1952)
7 VF- 65.00

BOZO (DELL)
2 F/VF 25.00
4 F 15 00

BRADY BUNCH
2 VF/NM 60.00

BRAIN BOY
2 G 7.00
3 F- 18.00
4 VG+ 16.00
5 F+ 22.00
6 VG- 14.00

BRAVADOS
1 F/VF 6.00

BRAVE & BOLD
14 VG/F 95 00
19 NO COVER 4.00
25 VG + 75 00
26 F- 85.00
27 VG/F 80.00
28 VG + 800.00

CEREBUS JAM
1 NM 5 00

CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN
8 VG/F 120 00
9 VG/F 85.00
9 VG + 60 00
9 FR 20.00
10 VG+ 75.00

COMICO PRIMER
2 NM 100 00
3 NM 5.00
4 NM 5.00
6 NM 4.00

COMICS ON PARADE
84 VF/NM 30.00

COMIX INTERNATIONAL
1 VF/NM 60.00

CONAN
1 F/VF 125.00
2 VG/F 18.00
3 VF 80.00
3 F+ 50.00
4 NM 55.00
5 F 15.00
6 VG 6.00
7 F- 9.00
8 VF 22.00
9 F 10.00
10 VG/F 10 00
11 VG 8 00
12 F+ 8 00
14 VF 20 00
17 F/VF 5.00
18 NM- 8.00
19 VF+ 14.00
20 VF+ 14 00
21 VF+ 9 00
22 VF/NM 14 00
23 VF+ 20.00
24 F/VF 12.00
25 NM 6.00
26 VF/NM 4.00
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180 NM 3 00

CONAN ANNUAL
1 NM 10.00
2 NM 4.00
3 NM 3 00
5 NM 3.00
6 NM 3 00

COUGAR (ATLAS)
1 NM 3.00

COURTSHIP OF EDDIE'S FATHER
1 VF/NM 30.00

DAFFY
15 NM 20.00

DAGWOOD
22 G/VG 5.00

DALE EVANS (QUEEN OF THE WESTERNS)
4 VG+ 18.00
9 NM- 70.00

DANIEL BOONE
1163 (FC) VF- 32 00

DANIEL BOONE (GOLD KEY)
4 F 8.00
7 F/VF 10.00
9 F/VF 10.00
11 VG/F 5.00
15 F/VF 10.00

DANNY THOMAS
1180 (FC) F 45.00

DAREDEVIL
3 G 30.00
4 G 30.00
5 PR/FR 8.00
5 VG- 40 00
7 VG- 45.00
7 F- 70.00
9 VG- 30 00
9 F- 45.00
9 F+ 55.00
10 VG/F 40 00
10 F 50 00
10 VF+ 100 00
11 VG 15 00
11 VF 50 00
12 VF+ 60.00
13 F 20 00
13 VF 60 00
14 F/VF 38.00
15 F- 20 00
15 F/VF 45.00
18 VF+ 40.00
20 F+ 19.00
21 F- 10.00
22 F/VF 20.00
23 F/VF 20.00
24 VG + 9 00
25 VG + 8.00
26 F- 10.00
26 VF+ 30.00
27 VF/NM 35.00
28 VG 8.00
29 F/VF 20.00
30 VF- 29.00
31 F- 7.00
32 NM- 25.00
33 VG 6.00
34 F- 7.00
35 F/VF 14.00
37 VG+ 6 00
38 VG/F 7 00
39 F+ 10 00
40 F- 7 00
41 F+ 8 00
42 F/VF 9 00
43 F- 6.00
44 VF 14.00
45 F/VF 10 00
46 F- 5.00
47 F- 6.00
48 VG 6.00
49 F+ 8 00
50 VG 5.00
51 F+ 9.00
52 VG 5.00
53 F- 6.00
54 F+ 5.00
55 NM 12.00
56 F+ 5.00
57 VF- 10.00
57 NM 12 00
58 VF/NM 9.00
59 VF+ 10.00
60 NM 12.00
61 F+ 5.00
62 NM 10.00
63 VF- 7.00
63 VF 7.00
64 F 4.00
65 F+ 5.00
66 VF- 7.00
67 NM 10.00
68 NM 10.00
69 NM 10.00
70 F+ 5 00
71 F+ 8.00
72 NM 10.00
73 VF 6 00
76 F+ 5 00

DELL GIANTS DONALD DUCK BEACH PARTY
1 NM- 220.00
2 VF/NM 120 00
4 G/VG 15 00
6 VG+ 15 00

DONALD DUCK MERRY X-MAS
53 VF+ 60.00

DUDE RANCH
52 VF 42.00

MICKEY MOUSE CLUB PARADE
1 VF- 140.00

POGO PARADE
1 F/VF 125 00

SILLY SYMPHONIES
2 F/VF 100 00
4 VF- 120.00
7 VF/NM 190.00

TARZAN
37 F/VF 40.00
51 F 20.00

TOM AND JERRY WINTER CARNIVAL
1 FR/G 15.00

TOM AND JERRY WINTER FUN
4 VF+ 50.00
6 VG 15.00

TREASURY OF HORSES
1 VF/NM 75 00

UNCLE DONALD FAMILY FUN
38 VF/NM 150.00

JR. TREASURY
8 VF/NM 40.00

DELL/GOLD KEY MOVIE CLASSICS
Around the World Under the Sea VG+ 6.00
Beneath the Planet of the Apes VG 8.00
Big Circus VG 12.00
Bon Voyage VG/F 8.00
Brave One G/VG 7.00
Buccaneers F+ 24.00
Buckskin 1011 (FC) F- 25.00
Captain Sinbad VG 15.00
Castilian F/VF 16.00
Conqueror FR 10 00; VG+ 33 00
Dinosaurus F- 15.00
El Cid F 22.00
Fastest Gun Alive F/VF 35.00
Goodbye Mr Chips NM 28.00
Gray Ghost 911 (FC) G/VG 14.00
Hunchback of Notre Dame VG- 25.00
Lord Jim VG 7 00
Moby Dick FR 6 00
Mummy F+ 18 00
Mutiny on the Bounty VG+ 9 00
National Velvet 1312 (FC) VF/NM 35.00
None But the Brave VG 10 00
PT 109 F/VF 24.00
Quentin Durwald VG/F 18.00
Rio Conchos F+ 10 00
Runaway F+ 12 00
Santa Claus Conquers the Martians G/VG 10.00
Sinbad (Fantastic Voyages) VF/NM 30.00
Ski Party F- 15.00
Soloman & Sheba VG 20.00
Sword and the Rose VG 16.00
Thief of Badhdad VG 12.00
Troublemakers VG 8.00
War Gods of the Deep VG 6 00
Wonders of Aladdin VF 35.00

DETECTIVE
430 VF- 6.00
431 VF/NM 9.00
434 VF- 7 00
437 VF/NM 14.00
438 NM- 40.00
439 NM 40.00
440 NM- 40.00
441 NM- 40.00
442 NM 40.00
443 VG+ 8.00
443 NM 40.00
444 NM 40.00
445 NM 40.00
446 F- 3.00
447 NM- 8.00
448 F 4.00
448 F+ 4.00
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450 F 4.00
451 F- 3.00
452 NM- 8.00
453 VF+ 7.00
454 F- 3.00
455 NM 9.00
456 VG 3.00
458 NM 9.00
459 NM- 8.00
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461 NM 8.00
462 VF+ 7.00
463 VF 5.00
464 NM- 7.00
465 VF/NM 6.00
466 NM 15.00
467 VF- 10.00
468 VF- 10.00
469 VF 5.00
471 F+ 7.00
472 NM- 15.00
473 NM 15 00
474 VF+ 12 00
475 NM- 25.00
476 NM- 25.00
477 NM 18.00
478 F+ 7.00
479 NM 15.00
480 VF/NM 6.00
483 VF+ 8.00
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495 NM 6.00
510 NM- 5.00
532 NM 6 00
535 NM 4.00
560 NM 3.00
568 NM 3 00
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576 NM 6 00
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598 NM 4.00

DEVIL DINOSAUR
1 NM 8.00
2 NM 5.00
3 NM 5.00
4 NM 5.00
5 NM 5 00
6 NM 5 00
7 NM 5.00
8 NM 5.00

DICK TRACY
6 G+ 20.00
68 G/VG 12.00
111 F- 18 00
134 VG- 10 00
138 VF 38.00

DINKY DUCK AND HASHIMOTO
1 F+ 28.00

DOBIE GILLIS
26 VF 50.00

DOC SAVAGE (1972)
1 F+ 5.00
2 F 3.00
3 VF 4.00
4 VF 4.00
5 VF 4 00
6 VF 4.00

DOC SAVAGE (GIANT SIZE)
1 NM 6.00

DOC SAVAGE (GOLD KEY)
1 F/VF 50.00

DOLLMAN (SUPER)
11 VF/NM 20.00

DONALD AND THE WHEEL
1190 (FC) F/VF 30 00

DONALD DUCK
26 F 75 00
27 G 10 00
28 VG 20.00
30 VG 20.00

EIGHTY PAGE GIANT
4 VG/F 40.00
6 No Cover 5.00
9 Coverless 5.00
10 F+ 42 00
14 VG 28.00
14 VF/NM 145.00
15 F- 35.00

ELFQUEST (MARVEL)
1 NM 4.00

ELMER FUDD
1081 VG 4.00
628 (FC) G/VG 5.00
977(FC) NM 20.00

EPIC ILLUSTRATED
12 VF/NM 4.00
14 VF/NM 4.00

ESCAPE FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND
1 G+ 40 00

ESPIONAGE (DELL)
1 VF 12 00

ETERNALS
2 NM 4.00
3 VF 3.00
4 VF 3.00
5 NM 4.00
6 NM 4.00
7 NM 4.00
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19 NM 4.00

ETERNALS (ANNUAL)
1 NM 4.00

ETTA KETT
14 VG 10 00

EVEL KNIEVEL
1 F 8.00
1 F/VF 12.00

EVIL ERNIE (ADVENTURE) LIMITED
1 NM 40 00

EVIL ERNIE (CHAOS)
0 NM 8 00
1 NM 15.00
2 NM 12.00

EVIL ERNIE (ETERNITY)
1 NM 125.00
2 NM 100 00
3 NM 95.00
4 NM 75.00
5 NM 50 00

FAIRY TALE PARADE
104 (FC) VF 140.00

FALLING IN LOVE
87 VF- 10.00
97 F+ 8.00
127 NM- 20.00

FAMILY AFFAIR
3 NM/M 30 00
4 VF+ 20 00

FAMOUS FUNNIES
118 VF+ 36 00

FANTASTIC FOUR
8 VG/F 200 00
9 G 70.00
9 VF- 500 00
10 VG/F 200 00
16 FR/G 20.00
17 VG 65.00
20 G+ 35.00
20 VG- 65 00
22 G 15.00
23 F+ 50.00
24 VG+ 34 00
25 VG/F 95 00
28 VF- 175 00
30 VF 78.00
34 VG+ 22.00
36 F+ 32.00
38 VF/NM 75.00
42 F+ 22.00
43 F/VF 30 00
44 F+ 22 00
45 F/VF 35 00
47 VG- 10.00
48 VG+ 185 00
48 VF 725.00
49 VG/F 60.00
49 VF- 170.00
50 G+ 30.00
50 VF 220.00
51 F/VF 24.00
52 VG 20.00
52 VF+ 80.00
53 F/VF 42.00
54 NM- 45 00
54 NM 45 00
54 F+ 20.00

FELIX (DELL)
2 VG 25.00

FEM FORCE
2 NM 8.00
3 NM 7 00
16 NM 4.00
19 NM 4.00
20 NM 4.00
24 NM 4.00
26 NM 4 00

FIGHT THE ENEMY
2 VG 5.00

FIGHTIN' 5
33 F/VF 9 00
34 F+ 8.00
35 F 7 00
36 F+ 8 00
37 VF- 12.00
38 F/VF 10.00
40 VF+ 14.00

FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE
38 VG 4.00

FIGHTIN' ARMY
41 VF+ 14.00
68 F- 3.00

FIGHTING AMERICAN (HARVEY)
1 F/VF 16.00

FIRESTORM
1 VF/NM 5.00
2 NM 4.00
3 NM 4.00

FIRST ISSUE SPECIAL
2 NM 6.00
4 F+ 3.00
12 NM 6.00
13 F/VF 5.00

FLAMING CARROT
1 NM 65 00
2 NM 30 00
3 NM 25 00
4 NM 25.00
5 NM 25.00
6 NM 20 00
7 NM 12 00
8 NM 10 00
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27 NM 5.00
31 NM 5.00

FLASH
109 G 40.00
109 G/VG 60 00
110 VG+ 230.00
114 G/VG 40.00
116 VG- 38.00
116 VG/F 50.00
117 G 30.00
118 VF- 125.00
119 F/G 15.00
119 VG/F 50.00
120 F/VF 100.00
121 VF/NM 125.00
122 VG/F 40 00
123 G 100 00
123 VG 175 00
124 VG 26.00
124 F- 35.00
126 G/VG 18 00
127 VG 24 00
128 F+ 40.00
129 G/VG 40.00
129 VG 60.00
129 VG+ 65.00
130 G/VG 18 00
131 VG 25 00
133 VG 24.00
134 G 12.00
134 F 36 00
136 VG+ 28.00
137 VG+ 90.00
138 VG 24 00
139 VG 25.00
140 VG+ 26.00
141 F/VF 43 00
142 G/VG 13.00
143 FR 6.00
144 VG/F 20.00
146 VG+ 20 00
147 F- 28.00
149 VG/F 20 00
149 F/VF 43 00

FRANKENSTEIN (MARVEL)
5 VF- 14.00
7 VF 8 00
8 F+ 10.00
10 NM 10.00
11 NM 7.00
12 NM 7.00
16 NM 7.00
18 VF/NM 6.00

FRANKENSTEIN (PRIZE)
5 F/VF 150.00

FREEDOM FIGHTERS
1 NM 6.00
2 NM 4.00
3 NM 4.00
6 NM 4.00
8 NM 4.00
11 NM 5.00
14 VF 4.00

FROM BEYOND THE UNKNOWN
1 VG/F 8.00
3 F+ 7.00
5 VF 10.00
15 F+ 10 00
21 VF/NM 10.00
22 VF 8.00

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN
661 (FC) VF/NM 38.00

F-TROOP
3 F- 15.00
6 VF/NM 45 00

FUNKY PHANTOM
10 VG + 4.00

FUNNY FOLKS
57 VG 15.00

FUNNY WORLD
3 VG 12 00

FURY (DELL/GOLD KEY)
10020 211 VF 98 00
1080 (FC) F/VF 30 00
1218 (FC) F/VF 30 00

G.I. COMBAT
67 G 15 00
113 F+ 15 00
115 VG 8.00
130 VG/F 6.00
158 NM 6.00
159 NM- 6.00
160 NM- 6.00
161 NM- 6.00
164 NM 6 00
174 VF 5.00
179 NM 6.00
180 NM 6.00
183 VF+ 6.00
200 NM 6.00
284 NM 4.00
287 NM 4.00

G.I. JOE/1950 SERIES (VOL 2)
9 VF 30.00
40 G/VG 8.00

GANG BUSTERS
17 F+ 22.00
18 VG 24 00
20 VG + 25 00
22 VG 20 00
23 VG 20 00
65 G 10.00

GARRISON'S GORILLAS
3 F/VF 14.00

GASP
2 VG 5.00
3 VF 10.00

GAY PURR-EE (MOVIE)
NM 35.00

GEEK (BROTHER POWER)
1 VF/NM 35 00
2 VF/NM 20 00

GENE AUTRY
28 VG 18.00
48 VF/NM 50 00
104 F+ 10 00
108 VG 5.00

GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE
1 F 40.00
2 F- 30 00

GEORGIE COMICS
9 VF- 38.00

GERALD MCBOING BOING
1 G/VG 19.00
1 VF/NM 80.00

GET SMART
5 VF/NM 50.00
7 VF/NM 50.00

GHOST MANOR
32 VF 5.00

GHOST RIDER (1967)
1 G 5.00
3 VF- 14 00
4 VG/F 7 00

GHOST RIDER (1973)
3 NM 15 00
7 NM 10 00
9 NM 10.00
10 NM 10.00
11 VF/NM 6 00
14 NM 7.00
15 NM 7.00
16 NM 7.00
20 NM 9 00
28 NM 5 00
32 NM 4 00
34 NM 4 00

GREEN LANTERN
72 F/VF 12 00
76 VG/F 46.00
77 VF/NM 45.00
77 NM 60 00
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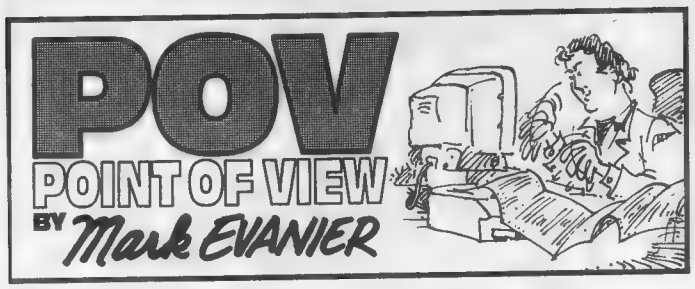
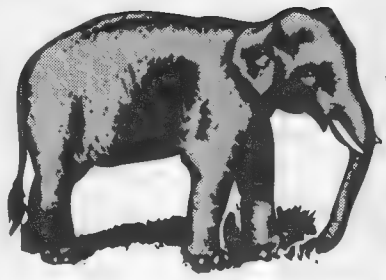
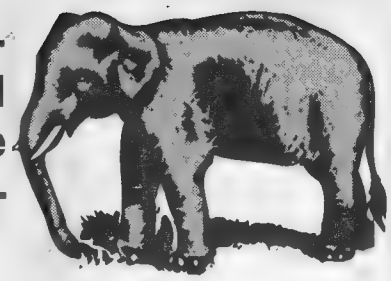




"I told the Production Assistant, 'Tell the manager that the elephant is *not* getting script approval.' "



I'm battling deadlines on a project this week with no time to write this column. But I have an out: Several folks have actually requested "The Elephant Story" (as they all call it), which ran a long time ago in another magazine. Here it is — and, yes, it actually happened, just like this. I have witnesses.

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February 13

John K. Snyder III (artist of *Doctor Mid-Nite*) at Big Planet Comics, 4908 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda, **Maryland** from noon to 2 p.m.

John K. Snyder III (artist of *Doctor Mid-Nite*) at Big Planet Comics, 426 Maple Ave. E., Vienna, **Virginia** from 3 to 5 p.m.

February 26

Bob Schreck (Oni Press publisher and editor), **Jamie Rich** (Oni Press editor), **Chynna Clugson-Major** (creator of *Blue Monday*), **Jim Mahfood** (artist of *Clerks*, creator of *Grrl Scouts*), **Scott Morse** (creator of *Volcanic Revolver* and *Soulwind*), **Judd Winick** (creator of *Road Trip*), **Dan Brereton** (creator of *Nocturnals* and *Thrillkillers*, writer of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Origins*), and **Batton Lash** (creator of *Wolff & Byrd, Counselors of the Macabre*) at Atlantis Fantasyworld, 1020 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, **California** 95060, from 1 to 6 p.m.

March 13

Joe Pruett (writer of *Magneto Rex* #1) at Heroes Ink, 2500 Cobb Parkway NW, Kennesaw, **Georgia** 30067, from 1 to 3 p.m.

March 20

Matt Wagner and **John K. Snyder III** (creative team of *Doctor Mid-Nite*) at Time Warp, 1631 28th St., Boulder, **Colorado** from 4 to 6 p.m.

One day, I decided I deserved an elephant.

Seven days a week, for far too many hours per day, I had been locked in a tiny, windowless cubicle at the KTLA Studios in Hollywood, wherein I was functioning (barely) as head writer on a variety show for NBC. My existence had turned into an endless cycle of rising in the morning, going to the studio, staying until well past midnight, going home, getting not enough sleep, getting up, going to the studio, staying well past midnight ...

I was exhausted.

One of the reasons for this Möbius strip of a life was that our show was having trouble procuring guest stars. What guests we did get usually signed on at the last moment. This can be difficult, because you have to build your sets and order costumes well in advance of taping. All well and good if you have a jump on things.

But in this case, guests were being booked on Tuesday for a show that taped on Thursday. Or worse. One day, while we were in the studio taping, the network guys phoned up and said, "We just signed Lorne Greene to make an appearance." I asked, "When?" and they said, "He's on his way over." We had about an hour to write something for Lorne Greene and to scare up appropriate props and costumes.

Once a week, the Art Director would amble by my office and ask, for example, "What sets will we need for Show Five?" He would ask this while we were taping Show Three and trying to write Show Four.

And every time, I would tell him that I had no idea what kind of sets we would need. I wasn't even certain what we were taping later that day. "We have no guest stars booked or anything," I'd tell him —

— at which point, he would remind me that it took him a few days to design a set, then the plans had to be bid out; *i.e.*, several construction companies had to quote prices. Then the low bidder had to make the sets and truck them in. Unless one had the funds for huge overtime payments — and we sure didn't — one had to have two weeks' notice on sets.

So I'd say, again for example, "Build a restaurant set and a jail set." He would trot off to do so, and we would pray that, once guests were procured, we could write sketches for them that would play in a restaurant set and a jail set. Sometimes, we got lucky. For the week I told him to build a dais for a Friars-style roast, we wound up — sheer coincidence — getting Red Buttons as a guest. On the other hand, the week I had him build a fighter's locker room, befitting a *Rocky* parody, our producer booked Florence Henderson.

No way to run an airline, believe you me.

One day, punchy from overwork, I was sitting with the other writers. A sudden thought hit me and I turned to them. "Do you realize how much power we have? We say, 'Build a pet store,' and they build a pet store. We say, 'Build a hospital room' and they build a hospital room. You know, we could get an elephant."

The other scribes looked at me as if I'd just grown antlers. Evanier, clearly, had lost it.

"Really," I said. "If we said, 'Get us an elephant,' they'd get us an elephant."

"You're working too hard, Mark," one of them said. Which was true, but it wasn't why I wanted an elephant.

"Watch," I said. I picked up the phone, called the Associate Producer, and asked him to step into my office.

The Associate Producer on most shows controls things like budgets and matters financial. And I had just decided that ours, whose name was Pat, was going to be in charge of Pachyderm Acquisitions.

"Pat," I said, "we need an elephant for the show Friday."

He said, "What kind of elephant?"

I said, "A big elephant. The biggest one you can get."

He said OK and walked out.

The other writers looked at me, impressed. And why shouldn't they be impressed? I had just ordered an elephant.

A few minutes later, Pat wandered back in. "Indian or African?"

I said, "What difference does it make?"

He said, "African elephants have larger ears. Do you need large ears?"

I thought for a second. "No, any size ears will be fine. Just so long as it's an elephant."

"What about tusks?"

"Tusks are optional," I said.

"Fine," said Pat. And he walked off again.

Ten minutes later, he phoned me and announced, "An elephant with wrangler and insurance is $1,000."

Whenever you bring any sort of animal on a stage, you have to have a trainer or keeper or someone, and that Someone, no matter what he wrangles, is referred to as a wrangler. In Hollywood, there are Horse Wranglers and Cow Wranglers and Snake Wranglers and Moose Wranglers, and I once did a show where we had to call in an Ant Wrangler. I told Pat, "That's a bargain. Book the elephant."

Twenty minutes later, the Producer barged in, having apparently just associated with the Associate Producer. He said, "Pat tells me you need an elephant. A thousand bucks is pretty steep."

By now, this had become a matter of principle. I said, "We have a terrific idea for a sketch, but it needs a live elephant." I said this, despite the fact that we had no idea whatsoever for any sketch involving an elephant, live or otherwise.

The Producer said, "The budget's kind of tight. We just put out an offer for Erik Estrada to guest."

"Erik Estrada?" I was aghast. "How can you even consider spending money on Erik Estrada when we don't have an elephant? Where are your priorities?"

"We need Erik Estrada."

"Nobody *needs* Erik Estrada. Tell you what. Cancel Erik. We'll have the elephant sit on a motorcycle and misread lines."

The Producer sighed and just looked at me. "Mark — do you really want this elephant?"

I said, "I have worked very hard on this show and I think I deserve an elephant."

The Producer shrugged and walked out. A little later, Pat came by and showed me the OK; I was getting my elephant.

Now, I just had to figure out what to do with it.

For several days thereafter, folks were coming up to me and asking which sketch the elephant was in. "Trust me," I said. "You'll see." The Production Assistant (the lady who makes out the schedules) kept asking me what the elephant's call time should be. I kept saying, "I'll let you know."

Two days before taping, I went into the other writers' office and said, "Men, I have an elephant coming and we have to figure out what to do with it."

No one had any ideas. One of the other writers said, "Couldn't we trade it in for two giraffes? I've got a great giraffe sketch."

"You call yourselves Comedy Writers?" I yelled. "We have an elephant — the biggest, funniest-looking animal in the world, and you can't think of anything to do with it? You ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

"It's *your* elephant, Evanier," one of them said.

The Production Assistant poked her head in. "Mark, the elephant's manager is on the phone —"

"The elephant has a manager?"

"— and he needs to know what time you need his client."

"*I* don't even have a manager!"

"Which sketch is the elephant in?"

I looked over the rundown. We had a spot in which one of our cast members was playing a pitchman selling all sorts of useless debris in a cheapo commercial. I pointed to it and proclaimed, "That sketch gets the elephant." Then I told the Production Assistant, "Tell the manager that the elephant is *not* getting script approval."

She left to pass the call time on to the elephant's manager who would, in turn, inform the elephant's agent, who would, one supposes, tell his client. The other writers looked at me and asked,

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Desperate Treat. Erik "Savage Dragon" Larsen must love the cartoonery of Chris Eliopoulos: He includes pages of Eliopoulos' strip "Desperate Times" in the back pages of *Savage Dragon* (which, it sez here, is lettered by Eliopoulos). And he has supplied the cover art for the first four issues of *Desperate Times,* Eliopoulos' strip in comic-book form.

I just finished reading the first three issues (which I did at one sitting), and I'm happy to report that I agree with Larsen: This is good stuff.

I must confess that I wouldn't have picked up any of these issues without the marketing ploy Eliopoulos used.

In an absolutely shameless (and therefore, we suspect, thoroughly successful) attempt to sell copies by appealing to the raging adolescent hormones latent in every male, Eliopoulos got Larsen to draw large-chested women in bikinis on the covers of the first three issues.

It worked with me. (I'm as shameless as the next guy.)

On the cover of #3, one of Eliopoulos' characters wonders what might happen to sales, if, next issue, "we don't have half-naked women on the cover." And the other guy says, "We'd still have two boobs on the cover — us!" You have to admire that sort of quirky comedy.

Quite apart from the hoot (you should pardon the expression) afforded by cover comedy of this ilk, the interior of the series is equally notable.

The action in these black-and-white comics revolves around the lives of two guys — Marty and Toad — who room together. Mostly, their activities are devoted to trying to pick up chicks, although they also go grocery shopping and frequent saloons (where they try to pick up chicks).

In #1, they go to the mall to pick up chicks, but Toad's self-confidence is destroyed when Marty's sister tells him he's fat. (Marty's sister is no prize, for that matter: She's engaged to a guy who always appears in the funny-animal costume he wears at the theme park where he works. And he never talks while in costume.)

In #2, they go to a strip joint to pick up chicks, then to a bar. They also acquire a pet because somewhere they read that men with pets are more attractive to women.

Their choice of pet, however, makes you wonder: It's a three-toed sloth who drinks beer and chases women. They name it Kennedy.

Kennedy also talks and, before he's been in the mix a dozen pages, he threatens to take over the whole enterprise.

In #3, Marty's sister wakes up to discover she's in bed with Kennedy, who picked her up in a bar the previous night. Marty and Toad engage in a little computer hacking and go to a bar, a doctor's office, and a grocery store.

Eliopoulos displays an increasingly skillful deployment of the resources of his medium. In the first issue, the page layout varies panel size and shape in the usual comic-book fashion. In the second issue, however, Eliopoulos abandons this treatment to use a rigid nine-panel grid on three tiers. This enables him to pace his stories better. He habitually ends every page with a gag, and this objective is achieved with more impact when the action proceeds in the cadence of regular-size panels.

In the third issue, he modifies his layout by going to four tiers. The panels are a little smaller, but, given the simplicity of Eliopoulos' rendering style, that is no disadvantage.

Eliopoulos' storytelling style relies heavily on the medium's penchant for timing (or, if you like, "pacing").

Much of his story is told through the dialogue of the characters, and their speeches are paced for comedic impact. But Eliopoulos also resorts frequently to visuals to carry the narrative load or deliver the punchline. When Toad is thinking he's fat, for instance, Eliopoulos pictures him as overweight; but, to everyone else, Toad appears as his normal (somewhat skinny) self. A slight trick but a neat one.

Eliopoulos' pictures are drawn simply with a clear, clean line of varying thickness, sometimes bold, sometimes delicately thin. He spots blacks with telling effectiveness, and his lettering is superb.

Desperate Times is funny, well-drawn, and exemplary in its storytelling. What more can I say? Erik Larsen is right. He should moonlight as a talent scout. I guess he does, at that.

Point of View

From Page 46

"What are we going to do with an elephant in that sketch?"

I smiled. "We're going to ignore it. We'll just have our guy go ahead and do the whole shpiel, pretending it isn't there. Then, the last line of the commercial, he'll suddenly notice he's standing next to the elephant, turn, and yell at somebody just off-camera, 'Hey, I didn't order an elephant.' "

Laughter abounded across the Writers' Room. A great idea, they all said. And I exhaled because I was off the hook; I'd finally figured out what to do with my elephant.

Tape day rolled around. The elephant's call was for 11. At 10:50, I wandered to the stage and noted several parking spots next to the dressing rooms. Each had the name of one of our guest stars on a temporary sign — all except for one with a large sign that proclaimed: ELEPHANT.

At 11 sharp, ever the trooper, the elephant arrived. People were running up to me all excited, yelling, "You did it! You got an elephant." I just blushed and said, "Told you I would." The Elephant Wrangler supervised the unloading from the truck, guiding his charge down rickety planks to the ground. Then he walked it into position in front of the cameras.

The actors took their places around the elephant. I ran up and briefed each of them. "Remember," I said. "Pay no attention to the elephant. That's the joke. That you don't even know it's here. Then at the end, you suddenly notice it, and the line is, 'Hey, I didn't order an elephant.' "

The elephant's arrival had attracted no small crowd. From all over the lot now, secretaries and pages and execs were crowding into our stage to get a look at the elephant. Quite a mass of people.

It was decided to take a crack at taping without a rehearsal. The Stage Manager called for quiet, the bell went off to signal that tape was rolling and we heard, "In four ... three ... two ..."

One second later, the Stage Manager cued the actors, and they went about their business of ignoring the elephant. Which wasn't easy, because the elephant suddenly gave out with a loud trumpet. Then it started to move around and it bumped into a prop. The actors couldn't help but react to it.

The director was about to call a halt when suddenly, one of the actresses let out a whoop of horrified laughter. Instantly, we all knew what it had to be.

How can I phrase this delicately? The elephant was going to the bathroom, only there was no bathroom. There. That's as delicate as I can say it.

And from the looks of things, it was the first time in months. Mountains of elephant dung began to pile up on our stage, followed by a flood. Gallons.

Through it all, the actors stayed in character. This was, after all, supposed to be a bad TV commercial. The crew and visitors laughing hysterically could clearly be heard, just off-camera. The actors ad-libbed around this disaster that was happening in their commercial and, finally, got to the end.

Someone yelled, "Cut." I turned around and the folks gathered there were falling all over one another, unable to stop laughing. I think the funniest part was that the elephant had done it as if right on cue, right at the moment that it would have maximum — shall we say — impact in the sketch.

The Stage Manager, trying to control his hysterics, came up to me and said, "That's the funniest thing you've written all season."

What could I say? I said thank you.

The Producer came up to me. "Mark," he said. "You're brilliant. That was easily worth a thousand dollars." The Associate Producer staggered over, holding his stomach. "I thought you were kidding when you said you had a great idea for an elephant." Someone from the network ran up to me and suggested that we consider making the elephant a regular on the series.

For the next few days, all anyone was talking about on the lot was the sketch with the elephant. On an adjoining stage, a *Hallmark Hall of Fame* was being taped with Bette Davis. The crew on that show told Ms. Davis about our elephant and suggested maybe they might work it into their special.

The footage we shot actually made it onto the air, although we had to edit judiciously. The home audience knew just what was happening, even though they didn't actually see the flood gates open.

In the meantime, the unexpurgated tape was duped and bootlegged throughout Hollywood by technicians. It shows up on a number of out-take videocassettes that are sold with no one's permission. To this day, whenever I am on the KTLA lot, I run into some cameraperson or grip who'll tell me how much they enjoyed the elephant sketch.

That was the last variety show I ever wrote. I figured, I wasn't going to be able to top myself — so what was the point?

However, one of these days, no doubt, I'll find myself once again writing a variety show. And some evening, round about midnight, the other writers and I will find ourselves sweating over a sketch, doing rewrite #99, trying to make things funny —

When suddenly, a big grin will come over my face, and I'll yell, "I've got it!" And they'll all look at me, as I say, "I know what this sketch needs! It needs an elephant!"

They'll give me that look again — the one about growing antlers. But I will insist, and maybe, if he's still willing to work for scale, we'll even get the same elephant. They live a long time, you know. It will save the sketch and I'll be a hero because I've learned the most basic rule of Comedy that there is —

Satire is fine. Wit is great. Slapstick, puns, insight, commentary on the human condition, ridicule, impressions and whimsy all have their places —

But trust me. Nothing beats an elephant taking a dump on cue.

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336 Sea Devils 27-29, 31, 35 Avg VF- 51.00
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338 Sgt Fury 11. 12, 14-16, 19, 20 Avg G/VG..... 21.00
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Born on this date:
Barry Kaplan
Frank Brunner (1949) **40** years ago
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Joseph M. Monks (1968)

MON FEB 22

Washington's Birthday

Born on this date:
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TUES FEB 23

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Born on this date:
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Doug Moench (1948)
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Janet Jackson (1958)
Martin Thomas (1965)

WED FEB 24

Born on this date:
Mindy Fisch
Bryan Talbot (1952)
Jim Borgman (1954) **45** years ago
Greg LaRocque (1954) **45** years ago
Keith S. "Kez" Wilson (1958)

THURS FEB 25

Born on this date:
Arnold Roth (1929) **70** years ago
Rick Geary (1946)
Phil Lasorda (1960)

FRI FEB 26

Born on this date:
Ron Aiken
Ric Estrada (1928)
David Boswell (1953)
Karen Berger (1958)
Jeffrey Butler (1958)

SAT FEB 27

Alternative Press Expo begins in San Jose, Calif. See Calendar Notes.

Next Step 3 Artists' Appearance and Reception at Words and Pictures Museum in Northampton, Mass. See Calendar Notes.

Born on this date:
Lisa Patrick
Norm Breyfogle (1960)
Jeff Smith (1960)
Andy Kubert (1962)
Eiwin Mark (1969) **30** years ago

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Alternative Press Expo, Feb. 27-28, Parkside Hall, San Jose, Calif. Guests include Batton Lash, Matt Wagner, and Jhonen Vasquez. Admission: $6/day, $10/both days, free with 1998 Comic-Con International: San Diego attendee badge. Info: (800) 866-8929 or (619) 544-9555.

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Continuing This Week

• **Cartoon Art Museum**, 814 Mission St., San Francisco, CA. Call for updates on current exhibits: (415) CARTOON. **Current exhibit: Bay Area Spotlight: Steve Leialoha**, through Apr. 25. Leialoha has been inking comics since 1975; some of his earliest inking jobs include *Star Wars* and *Howard the Duck*. The spotlight exhibit gives visitors the chance to see the artist's unpublished sketchbooks.

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• **Words & Pictures Museum**, 140 Main St., Northampton, MA. Call for updates on current exhibits: (413) 586-8545. **Current exhibit: Next Step 3: Works by Contemporary African-American Comic-Book Artists**, through March 14. Traces the history of black characters in comics and displays original work by 13 comic-book artists including Steven Hughes, Hannibal King, Louis Small Jr., Brian Stelfreeze, Rob Stull, and Tom Feelings. An artists' appearance and reception is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27.

New comics scheduled to ship this week

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Broken Halos: *Art of Tim Vigil: Dark Utopia* #4, $3.95 (Nov)
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CPM: *Legend of Lemnear* #13, $2.95 (Jan)
Dark Horse: *Star Wars: Mara Jade: By the Emperor's Hand* #6 (of 6), $2.95 (Jan. 3-9)
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Image: *Awakening TPB*, $9.95 (Feb)
Crow #1, $2.50 (Feb)
Darkminds Collection #1, $7.95 (Jan. 17-23)
Jinx: Torso #3, $3.95 (Feb)
Kabuki Classic #1, $3.95 (Jan)
Kabuki Skin Deep HC, $23.95 (Dec)
Megaton Man: Hardcopy #1 (of 2), $2.95 (Feb)
Spawn #80, $1.95 (Nov)
Marvel: *Avengers* #14, $1.99 (Jan. 24-30)
Slingers #4, $1.99 (Jan. 24-30)

Cancellations

The following items have been announced as canceled or postponed. If a publisher resolicits for any of these items, they will be listed again in the *CBG Calendar*.

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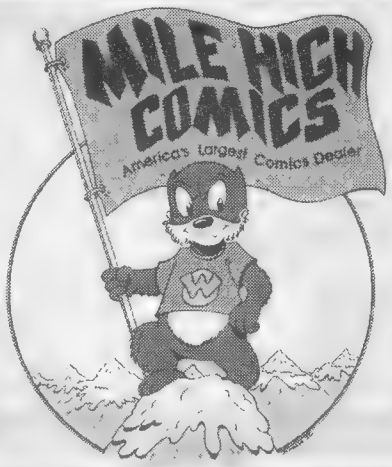

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By Maggie Thompson

DC's recent batch of photocopies show comics buffs have a wide variety of material to anticipate (and order) in March.

➽ ***The Authority*** #1 ($2.95, ships March 10) is a WildStorm-connected first issue, and DC suggests readers who enjoy writer Warren Ellis' other work will want to check this out. Art is pencilled by Bryan Hitch and inked by Paul Neary. It's *not* for young readers; there's even a woman's "costume" with more prominent nipples than the one on Batman's plastic movie suit. StormWatch is gone — but The Authority is taking its place, the first challenge being a Fu Manchu type whose followers are devoted to terrorism. The villain is routine, but the heroic team and its organization have promise.

➽ ***Scene of the Crime*** #1 ($2.50, ships March 3) is first of a four-part Vertigo miniseries. Not for kids, either, it's part of a growing comics genre of good, straight *noir* crime fiction. Written by Ed Brubaker and drawn by Michael Lark, the story involves a young detective who lives over a bookstore with his uncle and his uncle's girlfriend. The environment is good. (Isn't Scene of the Crime the name of a real-world bookstore somewhere?) The mystery is engrossing so far, as a missing woman is last reported with members of some sort of cult. Is someone telling mystery fans about the increasing number of good comics in that genre?

➽ But DC's big focus for the month starts in ***All Star Comics*** #1 (reason enough for ***CBG*** to include dates in its annual *Checklist and Price Guide*). It's written by James Robinson and David S. Goyer and drawn by Michael Lark (him again) and Wade Von Grawbadger. The story's a two-parter of "bookends," and Part One is 48 pages and scheduled to ship March 17 at $2.95. Fans who have been calling for The Good Old Days of comics will be delighted, if the first couple dozen pages is anything to go by. (Nitpicking note: Why was Ithaca, N.Y., in 1919 specified as a starting point? The landscape shown looks flat and '40s for the place and time of the caption.)

DC has produced a bunch of comics for March that should warm the cockles of those readers still captivated by the Golden Age, as Golden Age characters rev up for retro adventures in special titles taken from the 1940s. For Silver Age aficionados, moreover, there's the bonus of DC's revival of its 100-page Super-Spectaculars, no less. The first stars The JLA, is $5.95, and reprints the first JLA story, among others. If you want neat stuff like this (and CBG's letter-writers have been saying they do), cast your votes for more by buying what you say you like. And how about buying some gifts for your friends who talk about how they *used* to read comics? Let's get some new old readers back, eh?

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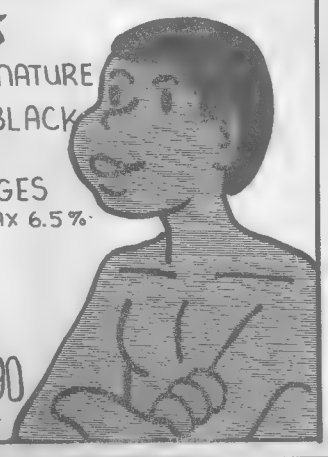

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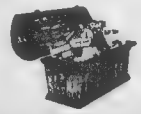

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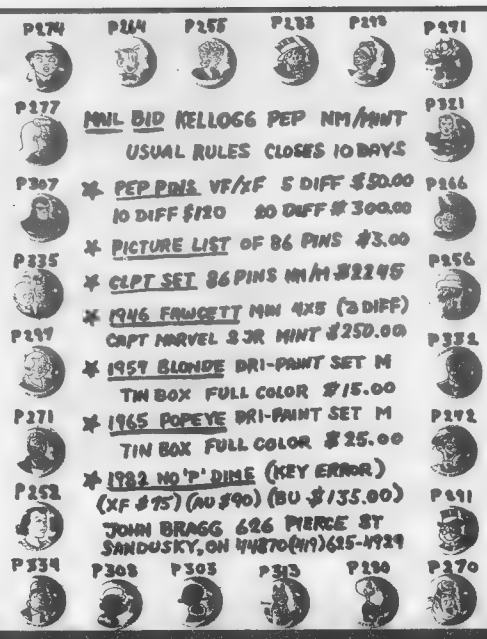

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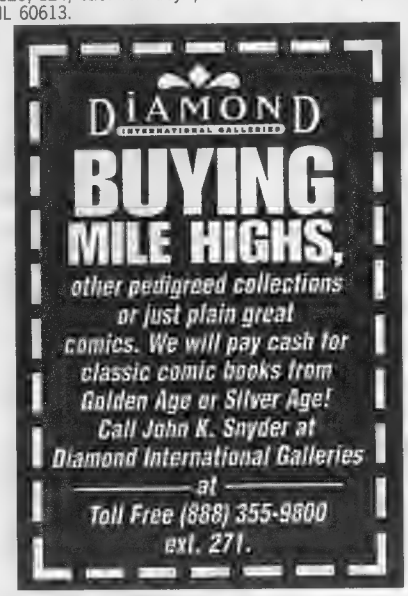

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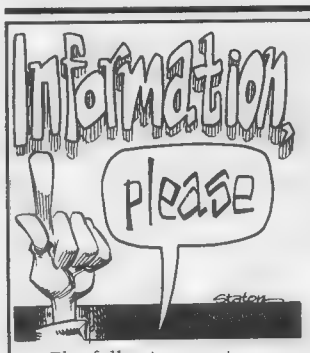

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were one storyline in an ongoing comic-book series. But this was a one-shot, and to back out on the last pages would have been a cheat.

Furthermore, considering that there was a cartoon series some years back called *Popeye and Son*, which featured the sailor married and with a young son, the character's own continuity indicated that at some point Olive and he must have gotten married. So it was odd that a comic book which was going to have a fraction of the audience that the TV show had was making King Features weak in the knees. They wound up coming around after Bob went *mano-a-mano* with them, but it was touch and go for a while.

Dave Garcia did a wonderful job carrying off the story, which I hope will both interest and educate Popeye novices and also satisfy long-time Popeye purists. Naturally, you all are the final arbiters of whether I carried it off or not.

OK. **That's the first project I'm involved with that's a bit offbeat.** The second is this: I've finally gotten around to participating in something that I've always wanted to do: community theatre.

One of the best theaters on Long Island is the Broadhollow Theater, and I recently auditioned for — and got into — a production of what is probably my favorite musical of all time, *1776*. Detailing John Adams' endeavors to unite a fractured Congress and march them unanimously toward independence, it's got a wonderful score and probably the best book ever written for the musical stage, ever.

I have maybe a handful of lines, but, considering my relative lack of stage experience, they'd have been insane to put me in anything major. Besides, I get to speak with a Scots brogue and carry a musket around, so I'm a happy camper.

The only mild downside is that, for whatever reason, the costumers decided that I, among all of congress, shouldn't wear a wig. Figures. It's the 18th century, the time when male wigs were in bloom, and I *still* don't have hair. On the other hand, I suspect I'll sweat a lot less.

I fully admit that I'm not in a position to be unbiased, but I think we have a great cast, and that comes from someone who's seen four different productions of the show, including the recent revival on Broadway (not to mention owning the laserdisc with the uncut version of the film).

The show runs on weekends through February and into the first week of March at the Bayway Theater (Broadhollow's main stage) in East Islip, Long Island. The ticket office phone number is (516) 581-2700. Come on out if you can. If nothing else, as Ben Stein says: You might learn something.

Peter David, writer of stuff, can be written to at To Be Continued Inc., P.O. Box 239, Bayport, NY 11705.

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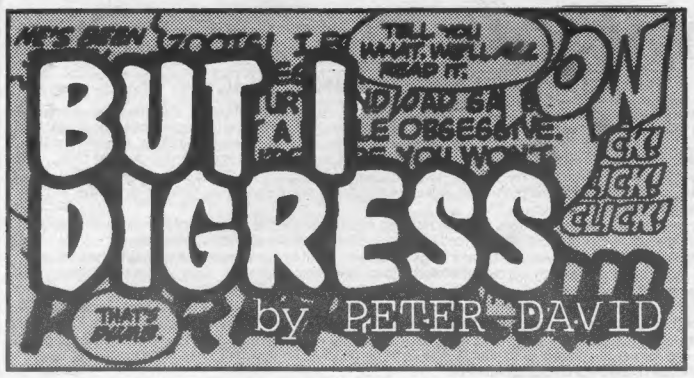
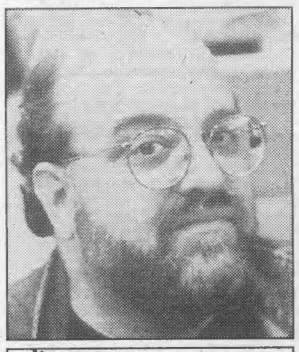


"Why the hell didn't *Bluto* ever eat any of the spinach?"

I don't make a habit of discussing projects I'm working on in this column, but I'm involved with two projects that are offbeat, even for me — so you know that it's gotta be pretty offbeat. I thought that I'd take this opportunity to tell you about them.



"It's a phrase that I took care to include in the comic book."

The first is a project that's received not only the attention of the national media, but even Tony Isabella itself — so you know that it's got to be a quality endeavor. I am speaking of *The Wedding of Popeye and Olive*, a one-shot I wrote for Ocean Comics.

Fans have been asking me how in the world I got involved in writing such a title. The answer is shockingly simple: Bob Palin of Ocean Comics asked me to. But it was certainly a bumpy road from first blush to final product (which should be out within a couple of weeks).

I am fully aware that fans do not speak with one massive unimind, and, therefore, consistency is not really a possibility. Still, there is one contingent which asks me why it seems I'm content to stick with only major publishers and never get involved with smaller indy publishers (those folks being unaware that I co-write a series called *Soulsearchers & Company* for Claypool).

By the same token, if a project for a small indy is announced with my name on it, fans scratch their heads and wonder why I would get involved.

Well, indies don't get much smaller than Ocean. Bob, as near as I can tell, constitutes the entirety of Ocean's staff (making the tiny early staff of Marvel, back in the Stan Lee-Solly Brodsky-Fabulous Flo Steinberg days seem positively luxurious by comparison). Bob called me some months ago and told me that he had gotten a license from King Features to do the above-mentioned one-shot. Would I be interested, he asked, in signing on?

To say this would be a labor of love would be to understate it, because it sure weren't for the money. No one's getting rich off this puppy — certainly not me. Thus far the entirety of my take for the 25-page issue is enough to buy groceries for maybe a day. Basically, I was working for free (or even at a loss, if one considers an hour of my time worth a specific amount of money). Nonetheless, I didn't want to miss out. If nothing else, I was certain that — presuming the one-shot went ahead — I'd wind up seeing mentions of it on news shows and such (particularly if it was a slow news day) and (knowing me) I'd wind up gnashing my teeth fiercely. With the possible exception of the Marvel-DC crossover, I've never written anything that got any sort of national attention. I felt it would be kind of cool to be responsible for a story that I was certain would set tongues wagging. After all, Popeye is still a cultural icon to many, and his marriage was certain to garner news interest.

I also saw it as a singular opportunity to try my best to revive — at least for a little while — Popeye as he was, rather than what he's devolved into. I'm certainly glad I went in that direction, because most folks have no idea of Popeye's true supporting cast. When *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central recently featured a news item about the comic book, the biggest laugh came in reaction to something that wasn't a joke: Jon Stewart made mention of Olive Oyl's brother, Castor Oyl (with accompanying illustration on the screen behind him). That got a huge laugh, as if *The Daily Show*'s writers had come up with the character for the purpose of the bit, rather than Castor's having been created more than seven decades ago. Granted, the entire cast and crew graced the Robert Altman *Popeye* film, but, despite brilliant performances by Robin Williams and Shelley Duvall, unfortunately that film didn't do a great deal to educate the public. (If nothing else, those insufferable and bizarre Nilsson songs drove people screaming from the theatre.)

My first exposure to Popeye was undoubtedly the same as yours: the cartoons. Brilliant as many of them were, particularly the very early ones, the vast majority of them were simple and formulaic: Popeye would either "first encounter" Olive Oyl or else they would already be a couple, and then Bluto would happen along and catch Olive's interest. Eventually, however, Bluto's advances would become too noxious, at which point Olive would bellow for help. Popeye would slug it out with Bluto, get trounced, eat the spinach, kick the stuff out of Bluto, and that would be that.

I didn't have the slightest idea that there was more to Popeye than that until, as a teen, I read Bill Blackbeard's brilliant essay on the sailor's origins, "The First *Arf Arf* Superhero of Them All," in the thoroughly educational collection of comics-related essays, *All in Color for a Dime* (now available through Krause, arf arf).

In those pages, Blackbeard chronicled Popeye's early days in E.C. Segar's legendary *Thimble Theatre* strip. That was the first time I read of the strip's existence before Popeye was introduced, its early focus on the (mis)adventures of Castor Oyl, and his associate Ham Gravy. Popeye wasn't introduced until a number of years into the strip, when Castor — seeking the services of a swab — encountered our future hero on a pier and demanded to know if he was a sailor. Clearly clad in a sailor's garments, Popeye sarcastically uttered his first words, "Ja think I'm a cowboy?" It's a phrase that I took care to include in the comic book.

From that unprepossessing start, Popeye rose in popularity and stature and wound up taking over the strip and driving Ham Gravy out of it for good. But the strip still contained a plethora of other characters, including the future-casting creature, Eugene the Jeep, Olive's parents (Nana and Cole Oyl), Alice the Goon, Swee'pea, Poopdeck Pappy (Popeye's reprobate father who was introduced specifically to be a reprobate, as Popeye was given more of a moral center due to the increased focus on him), the dreaded Sea Hag, and probably the best known supporting character, the burger-mooching J. Wellington Wimpy.

Bluto (aka Brutus) was a minor muscleman. However, he was the villain who had happened to be in the strip at the time that the cartoons were being developed, so it was he who was immortalized into cinematic history. Some of the other characters popped up here and there for a cartoon or two, but by and large it was just Popeye, Bluto, and Olive, and that was that. In the intervening years, the strip shrank in popularity and circulation. Nowadays, only a bare handful of papers carry the strip, which consists of a simple, standard, gag strip, rather than anything remotely akin to the vast, sprawling, epic that Segar crafted.

It's unfortunate and limiting, not remotely doing justice to Segar's vision. So when I embarked on doing the wedding issue, I was determined to try to do something about it. I'm not remotely in Segar's league, but I felt the very least I could do was try to give readers at least a remote flavor of what *Thimble Theatre* was all about. Characters who haven't seen the light of day in half a century trot through the pages of *Wedding*, which not only features the return of Ham Gravy, but the magical Whiffle Hen, whose mysterious powers (rather than spinach) were actually the thing that gave Popeye his edge 70 years ago. Still, I knew that generations who grew up on the cartoons were going to be reading the comic book (at least theoretically), and there was going to have to be some aspect of that present. So I had the plot turn upon a notion that had always bugged me, even as a kid:

Why the hell didn't *Bluto* ever eat any of the spinach?

After all, he was presented as more than Popeye's equal when they were one-on-one. It was only upon Popeye's downing the spinach that he gained superiority. But if Bluto ate the spinach, as well, then he should have been able to pound our hero into the middle of next week.

Basically, I tried to merge in my plot the sensibilities of the cartoon with the cast and concepts of *Thimble Theatre*. The only snag came when Ocean Comics sent the plot to King Features for approval. The response from King Features kind of floored us. They said to Bob, "It reads very well, but we want you to make one small change: You can't have Popeye and Olive get married."

That presented a twofold problem. First, the plot hinged on the wedding, because Popeye is spurred onto the matrimonial trail by Eugene the Jeep's predicting that he and Olive are going to get hitched within 24 hours. Since the Jeep is never wrong (unless June bugs are around, but we won't go into that), Popeye immediately leaps into action to make sure the prognostication is carried out, *i.e.*, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. If they don't really get married, the whole story falls apart.

The second problem was pure audience expectation: If you publish a comic book with that title and then they don't get married, the readership is gonna get kind of honked. I had absolutely no intention of doing a rewrite that was going to cheat buyers of the comic book. Nor did Bob have any desire to publish it, if it wasn't going to live up to its name. You could get away with it, I suppose, if it

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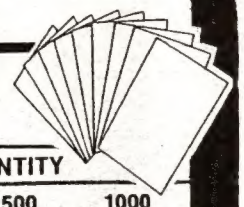

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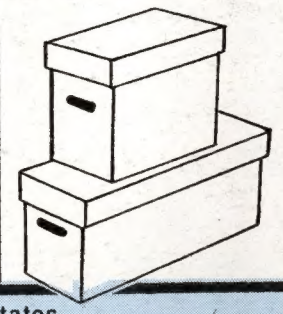

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